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INTENSITY, FREEDOM, BALANCE...
...THAT'S WHAT SURFING IS ALL ABOUT...
...THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN STOP SURFING ONCE YOU FEEL THE WAVE'S POWER.
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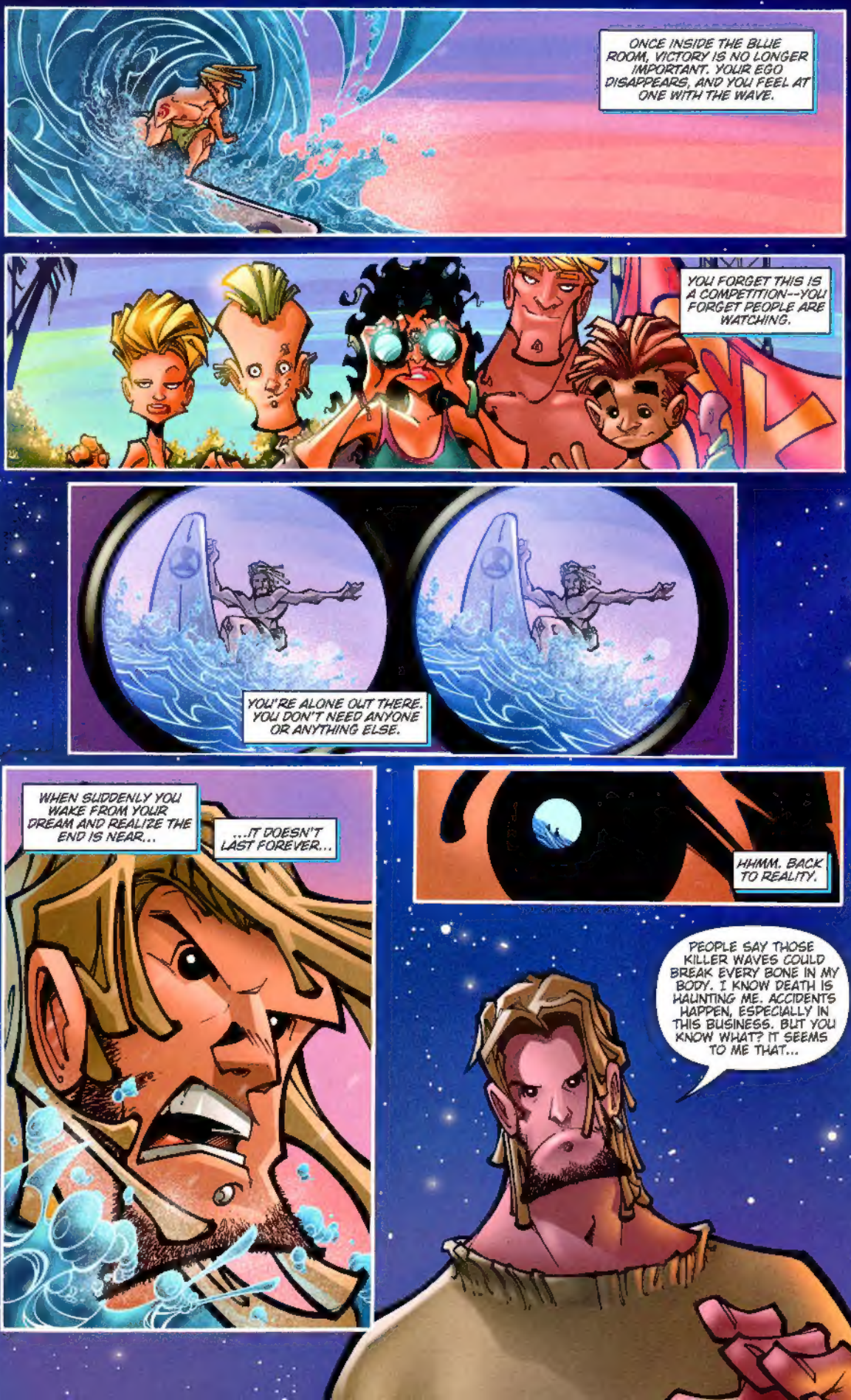
IT'S PURE MAGIC!
YOU FALL INTO A TRANCE, YOU BECOME HYPNOTIZED.


ONCE INSIDE THE BLUE ROOM, VICTORY IS NO LONGER IMPORTANT. YOUR EGO DISAPPEARS, AND YOU FEEL AT ONE WITH THE WAVE.
YOU FORGET THIS IS A COMPETITION---YOU FORGET PEOPLE ARE WATCHING.
YOU'RE ALONE OUT THERE. YOU DON'T NEED ANYONE OR ANYTHING ELSE.
WHEN SUDDENLY YOU WAKE FROM YOUR DREAM AND REALIZE THE END IS NEAR...
...IT DOESN'T LAST FOREVER...
HHMM. BACK TO REALITY.
PEOPLE SAY THOSE KILLER WAVES COULD BREAK EVERY BONE IN MY BODY. I KNOW DEATH IS HAUNTING ME. ACCIDENTS HAPPEN, ESPECIALLY IN THIS BUSINESS. BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? IT SEEMS TO ME THAT...

WONDER WHEEL
...DEATH IS JUST AN ILLUSION.
CENSORED!

...MEANWHILE
...ADRENALINE GIVES ME THE FUEL TO FIGHT AGAINST DEATH. I'VE TRIED EVERYTHING, BUT THE MOST FRIGHTENING EXTREME SITUATIONS ARE NOT PHYSICAL...
THEY'RE PSYCHOLOGICAL.
EXAMPLE?
EXPERIENCE THE CLAUSTROPHOBIA OF A JAIL CELL IN MEXICO, THAT'S EXTREME.
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE IN JAIL!
I MET MOLDUM IN THE CAN.
MOLDUM?
THE MOST INTENSE HUMAN BEING I'VE EVER KNOWN. HE GOT ME ADDICTED TO THE RUSH OF ADRENALINE....

IS STONE EVER GONNA DIE? IS HE UNBREAKABLE??
IT'S JUST HYPE; HIS LUCKY DAYS ARE ABOUT TO END...
EXCUSE ME, FINE GENTLEMEN, HOW COME YOU'RE SO SURE THAT STONE'S DAYS OF GLORY ARE ALMOST OVER? THAT GUY BREAKS HIS OWN RECORDS AT EVERY COMPETITION. HIS STUNTS ARE AMAZING!
HE'S OLD NEWS-- HE COULDN'T HANDLE KAMIKAZE?
KAMIKAZE?
KAMIKAZE IS THE ULTIMATE TEST, STONE WOULD DIE IN THE FIRST FEW SECONDS!
OH YEAH, I HEARD ABOUT IT. IT SOUNDS LIKE A VIDEOGAME PLOT--AN URBAN LEGEND. IT'S LIKE A POST APOCALYPTIC, MAD MAX STORY...THERE'S NO SUCH SPORT.
KAMIKAZE IS REAL, IT AIN'T NO URBAN LEGEND, AND ONLY A FEW LIVE TO TALK ABOUT IT. IT TAKES X-TREME SPORTS TO THE LIMIT.
IS STONE GONNA TRY THAT?

HAHAHAHA!
STONE IS JUST A KOOK, A TRAINED MONKEY. HE LIKES TO ENTERTAIN PEOPLE, LIKE HIS FATHER DID BEFORE HE DIED. STONE JUST DOESN'T HAVE THE INTERNAL STRENGTH TO FACE THE KAMIKAZE.
THAT'S FUNNY, COMING FROM THE LOSER OF TODAY'S COMPETITION. I SMELL ENVY. FROM WHAT I SAW TODAY, STONE'S THE MAN FOR THE JOB... IF THERE'S SUCH A THING AS THE KAMIKAZE.
LISTEN TO ME, SHUT THE %$*$ UP! YOU KNOW NOTHING, YOU HEAR ME? YOU'RE A SPORTS GROUPIE... DON'T EVEN OPEN YOUR *%$&/#% MOUTH WHEN I'M NEAR YOUR PATHETIC @&%!
YEAH, WHATEVER. YOU'RE STILL A LOSER.
THAT CHICK JUST BOUGHT HERSELF A ONE-WAY TICKET TO TROUBLE.

LET ME USE THE TELEPHONE! I'M ENTITLED TO A &#%!&@ PHONE CALL! POR FAVOR, TELEPHONO, JUST ONE CALL!
THAT DAY I DISCOVERED MY GREATEST WEAKNESS, I SUFFER FROM ACUTE CLAUSTROPHOBIA.
LET ME OUT OF HERE!!! I'M GONNA THROW UP...
GRINGO, CÁLLATE! SETTLE DOWN! WE'RE TRYING TO SLEEP HERE, GET USED TO IT!
THAT VOICE CAME FROM MOLDUM.

THE POINT I AM TRYING TO MAKE IS THAT I'M NOT AFRAID OF DYING.
THIS KIND OF THINKING WILL SET YOU FREE--IT JUST TAKES PATIENCE, COURAGE, AND CONCENTRATION.
MONTHS LATER, MOLDUM AND I ESCAPED FROM PRISON.
REALLY?
YEAH, IT'S TRUE. WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY MONEY TO BUY OFF THE GUARDS SO WE FOLLOWED A MORE TRADITIONAL STRATEGY...

WE DUG A TUNNEL. I HAD TO FACE MY CLAUSTROPHOBIA. LEARN TO DEAL WITH IT.
WE CRAWLED FOR WHAT SEEMED LIKE DAYS, BUT IT WAS OUR ONLY WAY OUT.
THE DRUNK MEXICAN COPS WERE LOOKING FOR US EVERYWHERE! I HEARD GUNSHOTS AND DOGS THE WHOLE TIME. IF THEY HAD FOUND US, THEY WOULD'VE KILLED US. NO TRIAL, NO JURY, JUST THE DEATH PENALTY. I WAS TERRIFIED AND COULDN'T BREATHE INSIDE THAT DAMN TUNNEL.
BUT MOLDUM SEEMED TO BE HAVING A LOT OF FUN, FOR HIM THIS WAS LIKE A VIDEO GAME OR SOMETHING--HE WAS ENJOYING HIMSELF.
FINALLY, AFTER HOURS OF PAIN, WE MADE IT TO THE TOP.
WE WERE FREE AGAIN!
PATIENCE, COURAGE AND CONCENTRATION
THAT'S RIGHT!
SO YOU'RE AN ESCAPE ARTIST TOO, LIKE YOUR DAD?
YOUR FATHER WAS AN ESCAPE ARTIST??!!

YES, HE WAS A MAGICIAN AND AN ESCAPE ARTIST. HE DIED IN THE MIDDLE OF ONE OF HIS MOST DANGEROUS ACTS.
THE AMAZING
KRUDER
SATURDAY 8:00
THE RED DIAMOND THEATRE GROUP
THIS WAS NOT ANOTHER SILLY MAGIC TRICK FOR SOME LAS VEGAS LOUNGE ACT.
MY DAD WAS A SUPERHERO TO ME. I WAS PROUD OF HIM, HIS BRAVERY.

THIS WAS SOMETHING MY DAD HAD NEVER ATTEMPTED BEFORE; I WAS SCARED, IT WAS TOO MUCH!
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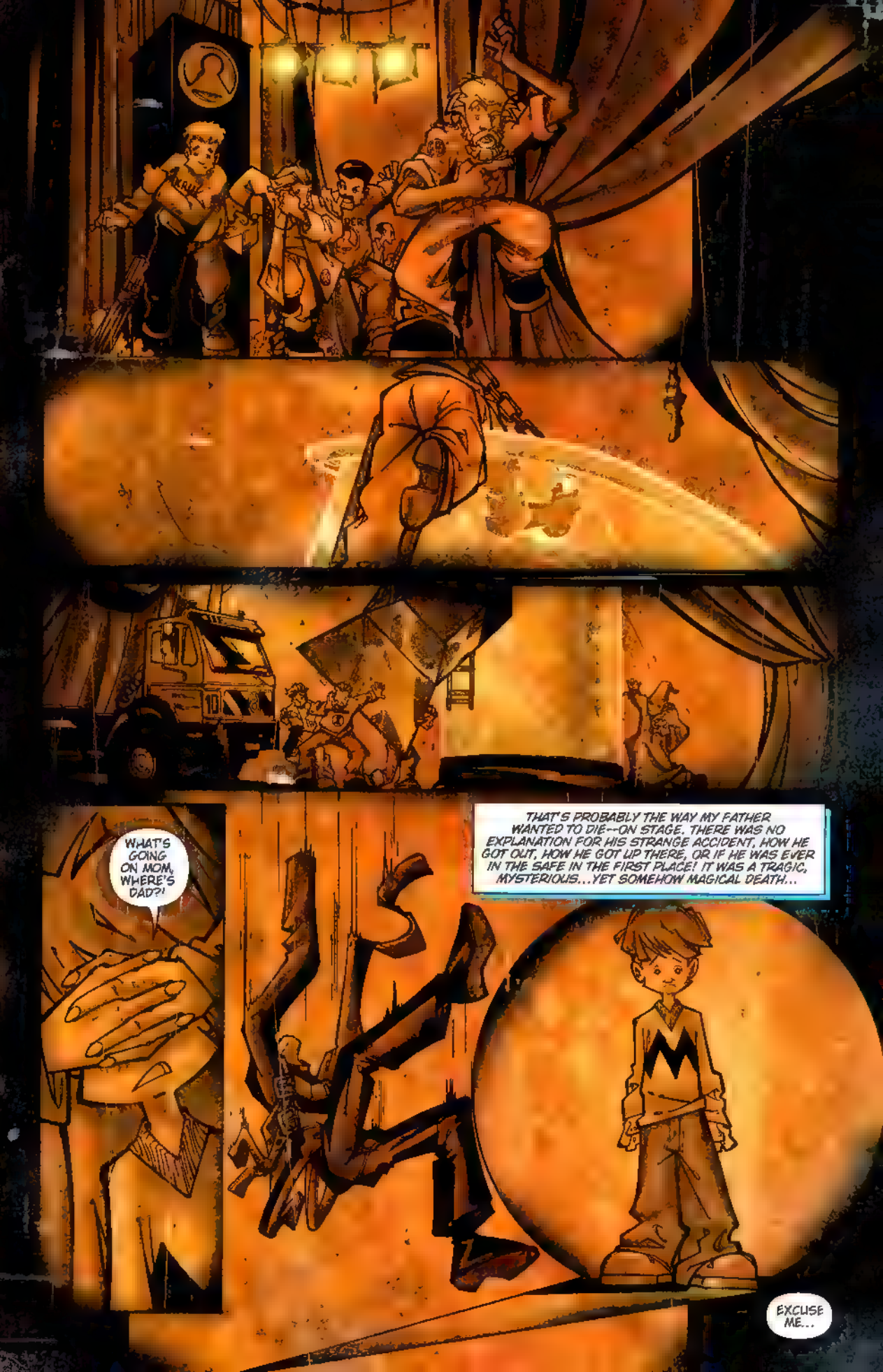
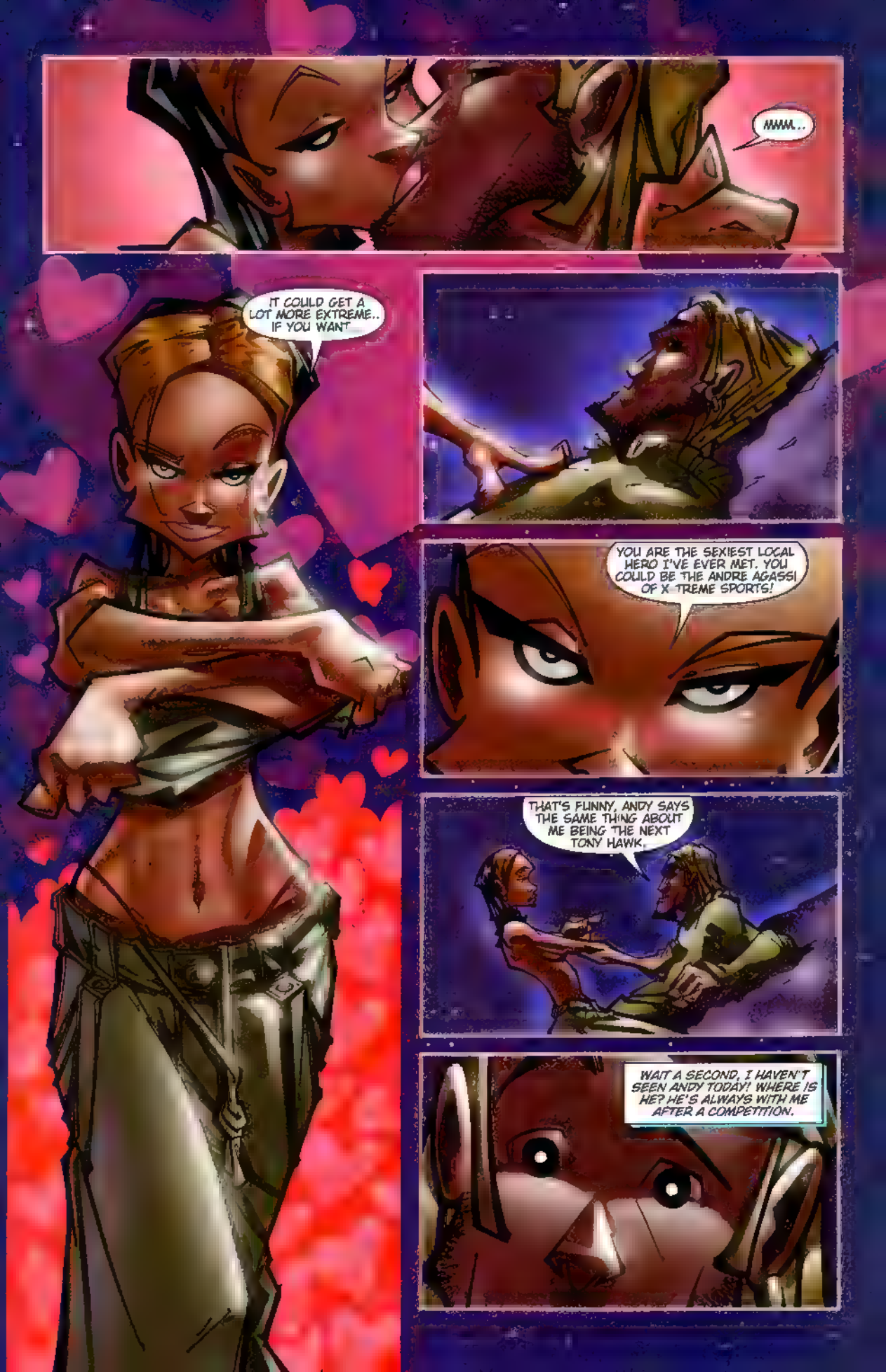
PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR SEATS, EVERYTHING IS UNDER CONTROL!


THAT'S PROBABLY THE WAY MY FATHER WANTED TO DIE--ON STAGE. THERE WAS NO EXPLANATION FOR HIS STRANGE ACCIDENT, HOW HE GOT OUT, HOW HE GOT UP THERE, OR IF HE WAS EVER IN THE SAFE IN THE FIRST PLACE! IT WAS A TRAGIC, MYSTERIOUS...YET SOMEHOW MAGICAL DEATH...
WHAT'S GOING ON MOM, WHERE'S DAD?!
EXCUSE ME...

AM I INTERRUPTING?
YES! LEAVE, GET OUT OF HERE!
DOWN, KITTY!
HERE YOU ARE, STANDING IN FRONT OF A HOT SURF CHAMPION! YOU SHOULD BE IN A BETTER MOOD!!!
GOOD TIMING! I THINK I'M BORING EVERYONE WITH MY CHILDHOOD TRAUMAS
MAY I HAVE A WORD WITH YOU...MAYBE GET YOUR AUTOGRAPH?
AH, COME ON, WHO DO YOU THINK I AM? I DON'T SIGN AUTOGRAPHS! I'M NOT FAMOUS! I'M NOT EVEN ALMOST FAMOUS! FAME IS A FATAL DISEASE
WELL, MR. "LOCAL HERO," COULD I HAVE A PHILOSOPHICAL CONVERSATION WITH YOU, IF YOU DON'T MIND?
SURE
CAN WE GO SOMEWHERE ELSE, SOMEWHERE A LITTLE BIT MORE..MMM... PRIVATE?
WOW! THIS CHICK IS HOT, DUDE!
SUCCESS, MY FRIEND, THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED TO GET THAT KIND BABE--WOMEN ARE ATTRACTED TO POWER.
POWER?! YEAH, THAT AND A STRONG, CHARISMATIC, MYSTIC, AND SENSITIVE ATHLETE WITH A TORMENTED PAST!
YEAH, DUDE, FORGET ABOUT CHICKS. LET'S GO GET SOME BOOZE!

I DON'T MEAN TO BE RUDE, BUT I THINK YOU'RE A HYPOCRITE. YOU KNOW HOW GOOD YOU ARE AND YOU INSIST ON BEING MODEST! I THINK YOU'RE A LIAR
YOU DON'T GET IT, DO YOU? I CAN PERFORM GREAT PHYSICAL FEATS, I CAN GIVE A GREAT SHOW FOR KIDS WATCHING ESPN, I CAN FLY IN THE SKY AND I CAN RIDE KILLER WAVES. I CAN DO ALL THAT STUFF
I'M MORE INTERESTED IN THE SPIRITUAL SIDE OF X TREME SPORTS
YOU'RE SMARTER THAN YOU LOOK.
HAVE YOU HEARD OF KAMIKAZE? IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE SOME CRAZY X-TREME SPORT
YEAH, THERE'S A LOT OF HYPE ABOUT KAMIKAZE, BUT IT SEEMS NOBODY WHO'S DONE IT WANTS TO TALK ABOUT IT I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF IT'S A WATER SPORT!
SO IT'S REAL?!
I'M NOT SURE, BUT I CAN'T WAIT TO TRY IT...


MMM...
IT COULD GET A LOT MORE EXTREME.. IF YOU WANT
YOU ARE THE SEXIEST LOCAL HERO I'VE EVER MET. YOU COULD BE THE ANDRE AGASSI OF X TREME SPORTS!
THAT'S FUNNY, ANDY SAYS THE SAME THING ABOUT ME BEING THE NEXT TONY HAWK.
WAIT A SECOND, I HAVEN'T SEEN ANDY TODAY! WHERE IS HE? HE'S ALWAYS WITH ME AFTER A COMPETITION.

WHAT'S WRONG, ANDY? YOU'VE BEEN WEIRD ALL NIGHT--YOU DON'T LIKE ME, DO YOU?
OH STOP IT, YOU KNOW I LIKE YOU. YOU'RE PRETTY COOL, IT'S JUST THAT I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET AMY LEAVE WITH THOSE GUYS TONIGHT. THEY LOOKED LIKE A BUNCH OF PSYCHOS FROM A TROMA B MOVIE.
NO WAY! YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS, YOU HAVE A CRUSH ON HER. YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD A CRUSH ON HER!
SHE'S LIKE A SISTER TO ME. I'M JUST WORRIED, THAT'S ALL.
YOU KNOW THAT AMY CAN HANDLE HERSELF--SHE'S A BRAVE GIRL. YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS! YOU ARE PATHETIC, ANDY. I'M GETTING THE HELL OUT OF HERE!"
SHE'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND..
THAT'S WHAT SOCIOLOGISTS, INCLUDING STONE, CALL "COLLECTIVE EUPHORIA," HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WITH ONE SIMPLE AND CLEAR OBJECTIVE...

...AN ADRENALINE RUSH
YUP, WE'RE ALL CRAZY--WE LOVE TO FEEL ANXIETY, TERROR, PAIN AND PLEASURE SIMULTANEOUSLY.
THIS IS AMERICA'S YOUTH?
LOOK OUT!!!!

AMY?
AMY!!!
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THAT KAMIKAZE S@%# HAS TO BE STOPPED. SPORTS ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT KILLING PEOPLE!
WE CAN'T BLAME KAMIKAZE FOR AMY'S DEATH ANYONE COULD'VE BEEN RESPONSIBLE
HER SICK FRIENDS WANTED AMY TO TRY KAMIKAZE. ONE OF THEM HAD A CONTACT WITH THE GUYS WHO RUN KAMIKAZE-- WHOEVER 'S BEHIND THAT S@%# IS RESPONSIBLE...
I'LL KILL THEM!
DO YOU THINK THAT ALL THAT HATE WILL BRING HER BACK? AMY IS DEAD, AND THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT NOW! DEATH ISN'T AS BAD AS YOU THINK
ARE YOU %&&/@ NUTS? WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU? DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING MAN?
YOU...YOU DON'T CARE THAT AMY'S DEAD! WHAT THE HELL AM I DOIN' HERE TALKIN' TO YOU?
RELAX, ANDY, I'M TRYING TO EXPLAIN SOMETHING VERY COMPLEX, IT'S VERY HARD FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND DEATH. AMY IS NOT WITH US ANYMORE, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN SHE ISN'T SOMEWHERE ELSE.
IN OUR CULTURE WE ARE TAUGHT TO LIVE, BUT WE'RE NOT PREPARED TO DIE. IT'S NOT LIKE THAT EVERYWHERE
LOOK WHAT WE GOT HERE, A COUPLE OF DISPOSABLE BEACH BOYS! HEY, YOU WANNA PLAY WITH US?

IT'S A GREAT GAME CALLED THE KILLING--ITS ABOUT US, TORTURIN' AND KILLIN' YOU. THE ONLY THING YOU HAVE TO DO IS SUFFER AND DIE!
ARE YOU GONNA STOP DESTROYING YOUR %6/6# BODIES WITH LETHAL SUBSTANCES? NO! YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO KEEP ON DOING THAT STUFF, AND KILLING MORE PEOPLE, BECAUSE YOU ARE TOTALLY WASTED! YOU'RE USELESS AND AFRAID!
OOOH! SOUNDS LIKE A LOT OF FUN! BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU GUYS? HOW ARE YOU GONNA FEEL AFTER KILL NG US? IS THAT GONNA MAKE YOUR MISERABLE &%/6$# LIVES ANY BETTER?
YOU FEEL SO GUILTY THAT YOU CAN'T EVEN LOOK INSIDE YOUR OWN MINDS. YOU'RE AFRAID OF WHAT YOU MIGHT FIND THERE. AND YOU KNOW WHAT? YOU ARE AFRAID OF US AND WHAT WE REPRESENT--FREEDOM--AND YOU, MY FRIENDS, ARE SLAVES!
YOU'RE A DEAD MAN!
I KNOW. I'M READY FOR DEATH, BUT MY FRIEND HERE IS STILL FIGURING SOME @&%# OUT IN THIS SURREAL WORLD. SO, IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'M GONNA HAVE TO HELP HIM THROUGH THIS UNCOMFORTABLE SITUATION.

ZEN PHILOSOPHY SIMPLE IF THEY PUSH YOU, DON'T PUSH BACK
SIMPLY STEP ASIDE
SOONER OR LATER YOU'LL GAIN THE UPPER HAND
STOP IT, MAN! YOU WOULDN'T HIT A KID...
..WOULD YOU?!
YUP!!

WAIT A SECOND
WHERE'S ANDY?!!

NO PAIN, NO GAIN!!
WELL, IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE, GENTLEMEN, SEE YA IN THE NEXT LIFE!
ANDY!
MY NADS.
STONE, HELP ME! HE'S GONNA KILL ME!
I'M NOT GONNA HELP YOU.

YOU CAN FIGHT HIM ALONE! JUST STOP BEING AFRAID--CHANNEL YOUR FEARS!
HE IS WEAK
WHY DIDN'T YOU HELP ME? WHAT THE @%&# IS WRONG WITH YOU?!
YOU DIDN'T NEED ANY HELP
YOU NEEDED MY SUPPORT, BUT YOU COULD BEAT THIS GUY OR MORE BY YOURSELF. BE CAREFUL, FEAR CAN BE YOUR WORST ENEMY
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S AFRAID YOU DON'T PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH! HYPOCRITE!!!

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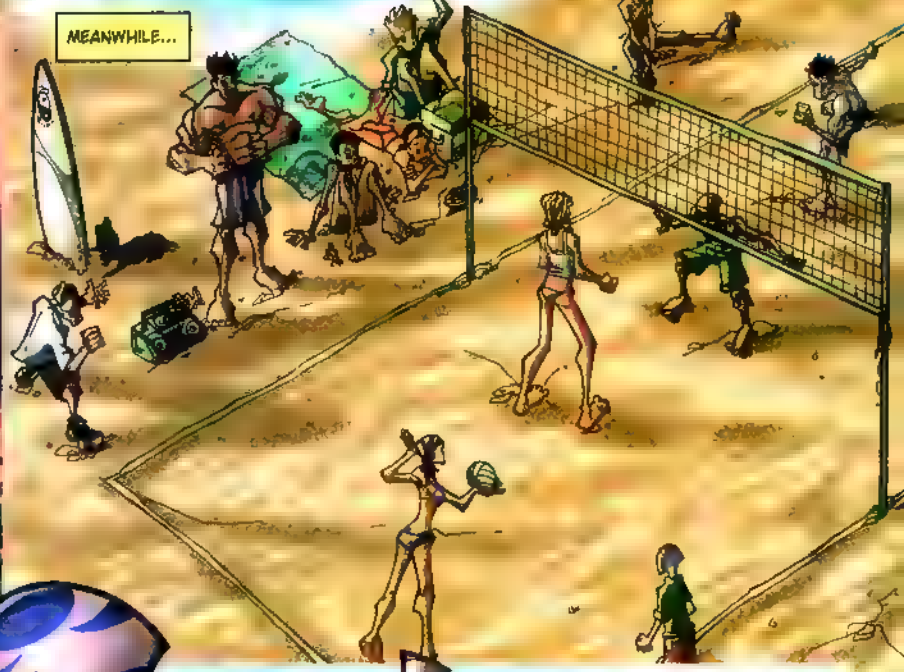


GET THE @%&# OUT OF HERE, I'M BUSY
IT'S FOR STONE--A SECRET MESSAGE.
HURRY UP, I DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE AROUND YOU.
BUT I LOVE YOU.
HUH? I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR NAME!
YOU WILL! HAHAHA!! I KILLED ZYON.
WHAT?!!!
HA HA HA

JUST KIDDING!
WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU? WAS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE A JOKE? YOU SCARED THE @#&% OUT OF ME!
SORRY, SORRY-- I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO THAT!
GIVE THIS LETTER TO STONE.
NO, THIS IS SOMETHING ELSE. I WAS SENT BY A FRIEND OF STONE'S--SOME MEXICAN DUDE, BUT NOW THAT YOU MENTION ZYON, HE'S NOT VERY HAPPY WITH YOU. WE ALL KNOW WHAT'S GOIN' ON BETWEEN YOU AND STONE.
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S AN INVITATION.
TELL ME THE TRUTH, DOES THIS HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ZYON?
HEY! I CAN DO WHATEVER I WANT. ZYON DOESN'T OWN ME--I'M NOT HIS SLAVE LIKE YOU IDIOTS! YOU SHOULD STAY AWAY FROM HIM, HE'S GONNA RUIN YOUR LIVES!
HEY, RELAX. I KNOW, OKAY? WE'RE HAPPY WITH OUR LIVES. WE LOVE BEING MISERABLE!
WHATEVER.
I'LL GIVE THIS TO STONE.
SAY HI TO ZYON AND THE OTHER LOSERS.

HEY, CLATIOUS, YOU SCARED? YOU'RE NOT FREAKING OUT, ARE YOU?
OH GOD, ZYON' I'M SO FRIGHTENED-- I COULD KILL MYSELF!
READY, MY FRIEND?!!! YOU'RE ABOUT TO TASTE A PIECE OF HEAVEN!!
I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THIS, I THINK I AIN'T GONNA JUMP!
LET'S GO!!

HEY!! C'MON, YOU JUST HAVE TO PULL THIS THING, IT'S NO BIG DEAL!
NO WAY! I'M NOT JUMPIN'. I'M STAYING HERE!
WHAT'S WRONG? LET'S GO!!
HE'S FREAKIN' OUT, HE WON'T JUMP!
COME HERE, YOU STUPID @GH%!
NO, I'M NOT READY. I CAN'T HANDLE THIS!
NO, PLEASE, NO!!! DON'T DO THIS, YOU'RE GONNA KILL ME!!
NOOOOO!!

YOU READY?
LET'S FLY, BRO!
OKAY, YOU JUMP RIGHT AFTER ME.
NOW, EXCUSE ME WHILE I KISS THE SKY!!

N-AC
Noooooooooooooo

THIS IS GREAT!!! I'M FLYIN'! I'M FLYIN'!
I'M GONNA HOOK YOU UP, OKAY?!!!
GO FOR IT, ZY!!!
READY TO BUNGEE JUMP?!!!
I'VE NEVER BEEN MORE READY IN MY LIFE!
GO!!!

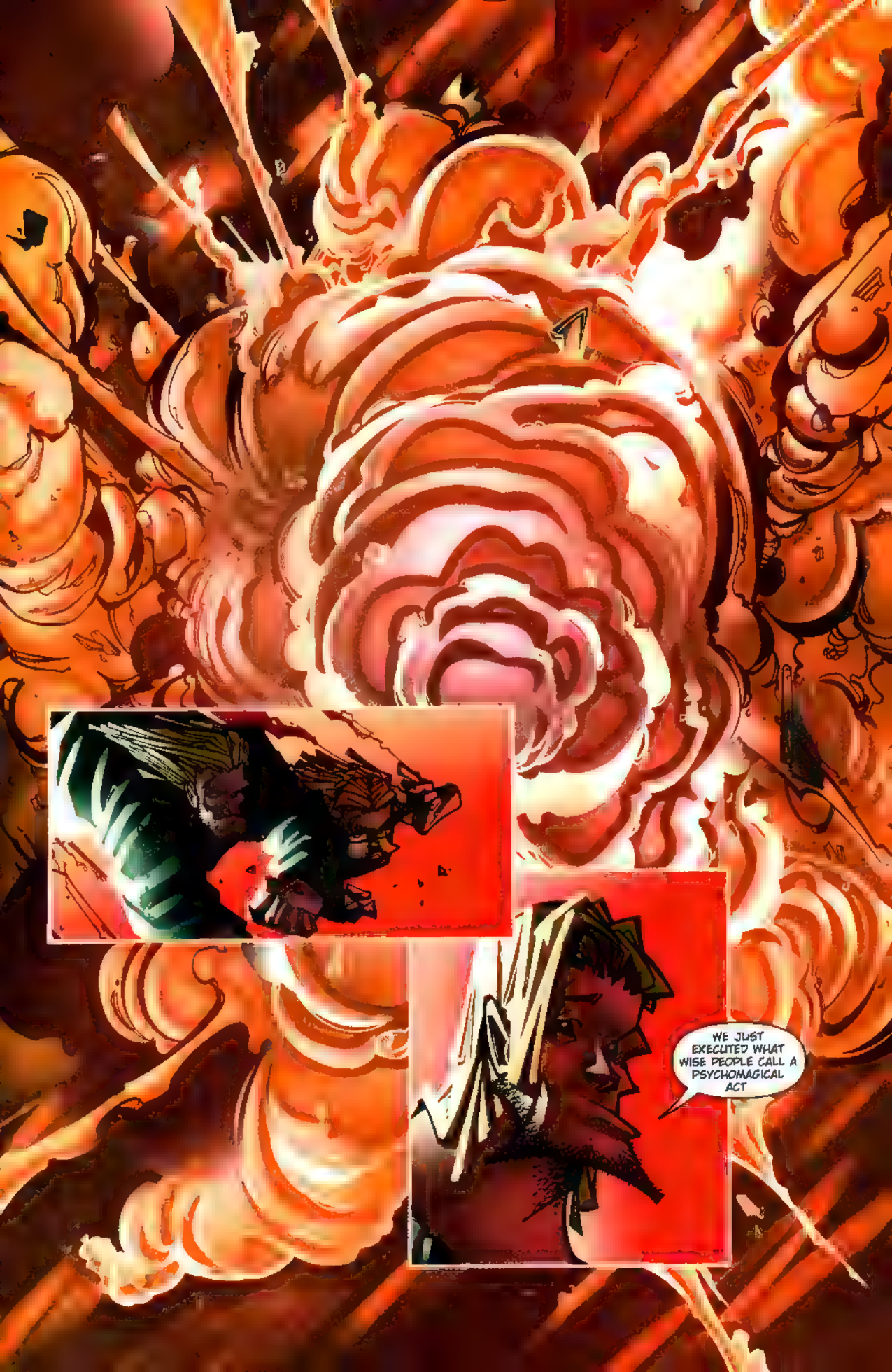
OH MY GOD! NO!
THIS THING'S NOT WORKING!!!
I'M GONNA DIE!! NOOO!

YOU HAVE TO REMOVE THE SAFETY FIRST!
OH! THANK GOD!
ZYON AND CLATIOUS RULE! THAT WAS AMAZING!
THAT IS NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT STONE CAN DO IN THE SKY!
STONE IS NOT EVERYTHING HE APPEARS TO BE
WHAT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
STONE IS LOSIN' IT HE'S A HYPOCRITE
MEANWHILE. .
HI THERE!
HI!
WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT HAPPENED? YOU LOOK SAD
I BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING THAT MIGHT CHEER YOU UP!
ANDY, MY BEST FRIEND, IS VERY CONFUSED WE HAD A MISUNDERSTANDING

WHAT IS THIS?
IT'S A RIDDLE INSIDE AN ENIGMA WRAPPED UP IN A MYSTERY!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
OPEN IT!
WHO GAVE THIS TO YOU?
AN INSIGNIFICANT, USELESS DORK. WHAT IS IT?
IT'S AN INVITATION TO PLAY KAMIKAZE!
Hello Stone: Your journey has just begun— you are playing Kamikaze at this precise moment!
There is much about Life that doesn't seem to correspond with personal problems and hardships. For all that is hurtful and unequal, there exists beauty and balance. For moments of horror and violence, there are times of harmony and peace. Each sunset and sunrise provide an answer to nature's need for rest and renewal.
You are not afraid of death because you understand the infinite path of existence. Your inner strength can help you survive the obstacles on that path.
Good Luck, STONE. And remember, Death is just an Illusion...
LATER THAT NIGHT ..
STONE!

WHERE WERE YOU? WE LOOKED FOR YOU ALL DAY!
I'VE BEEN MEDITATING. IT CLEARS MY HEAD EXCEPT I'M WORRIED ABOUT ANDY.
HE'S BEEN ACTING REALLY WEIRD. WHAT HAPPENED?
HE'S HAVING A HARD TIME DISCOVERING WHAT PATH IN LIFE HE WANTS TO TAKE
IS EVERYONE INSIDE THE HOUSE?
YEAH, THEY'RE ALL SLEEPING
THAT'S GREAT, I'M NOT GOOD AT SAYING GOODBYE
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I DON'T KNOW
BUT... I I LOVE YOU, STONE!
YOU LOVE THE ICON, NOT THE MAN YOU LOVE WHAT I REPRESENT
ARE YOU LEAVING WITH THAT STUPID @6&#%? WHAT'S HER NAME? ASHLEY?
NO. NOBODY'S COMING WITH ME I'M SORRY I HAVE TO LEAVE YOU GUYS, BUT THIS IS SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO ON MY OWN
I HAVE TO PACK MY STUFF. YOU WANT TO HELP ME?

WELL, I THINK THIS IS IT.
IT'S EVERYTHING YOU OWN.
YOU'RE NOT COMING BACK FOR A WHILE, ARE YA?
IT'S GONNA BE A LONG, WILD RIDE!
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
TO THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE.
THESE ARE MY MOST PRIZED POSSESSIONS, EVERY SINGLE OBJECT INSIDE THIS CAR IS RELATED TO THE OLD STONE.
IN ORDER TO BE BORN AGAIN, I HAVE TO DESTROY THEM.
YOU KNOW, YOU'VE ALWAYS ACTED STRANGE, BUT THIS TIME YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOIN'?!!


WE JUST EXECUTED WHAT WISE PEOPLE CALL A PSYCHOMAGICAL ACT

THERE'S NO DOUBT. YOU'RE GETTING THE HELL OUTTA HERE!
I'LL BE BACK, BUT I'LL BE A NEW STONE.
WOULD YOU DO ME A FAVOR? CAN I KISS THE OLD STONE ONE LAST TIME?
IT'LL MAKE THINGS WORSE FOR US.
THE NEXT DAY...
ANDY!!
ANDY, WAKE UP, MAN!
WHAT'S WRONG? RELAX!
STONE IS DEAD!!!!

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ANDY SHOULD BE HERE
HE WON'T SHOW UP. HE MUST FEEL GUILTY ABOUT WHAT HE SAID TO STONE
PILOT
HIS BEST FRIEND'S BODY IS BURNING--HE COULDN'T TOLERATE THE INTENSITY OF THIS RITUAL ANYWAY.
I DON'T THINK EVEN WE SHOULD BE WATCHING THIS.
SHA CAZTOLLI ECA ECA, ZACHI, TAMIZI

WHO IS SHE?
SHE USED TO BE STONE'S DOCTOR--A SORCERESS NAMED XOCHITL. REMEMBER WHEN STONE SPENT SOME TIME IN OAXACA, MEXICO? WELL, HE MET HER THERE. SHE TRAVELS AROUND THE WORLD USING DIFFERENT KINDS OF HERBS AND FLOWERS TO CURE TERMINAL ILLNESSES.
I THOUGHT THAT ANCIENT S#%@ DISAPPEARED CENTURIES AGO?!
WELL, SHE DOES LOOK AND ACT LIKE A GHOST
¡LIBERA SU ALMA, LIBERA SU ESPIRITU, PERMITE QUE SE ELEVE HASTA LLEGAR A TUS DOMINIOS.
ARE YOU SURE SHE'S NOT SATANIC OR SOME WEIRD THING LIKE THAT?
NO, THIS IS PURE WHITE MAGIC. IT'S A TRADITIONAL DEATH CEREMONY--THIS IS CUSTOMARY FOR CENTRAL AMERICAN NATIVE TRIBES.
I KNOW YOU ARE PROBABLY NOT FAMILIAR WITH THIS KIND OF CEREMONY, BUT ALTHOUGH THEY SEEM DARK AND DISTURBING, THEY'RE REALLY ABOUT FREEDOM AND PURIFICATION...
...NOW, STONE TRANSLATED A PRAYER ORIGINALLY WRITTEN IN MY DIALECT. HE WANTED ME TO SHARE IT WITH YOU.

AND INSPIRE US TO BUILD A NEW WORLD, ONE IN WHICH FAMINE, DISEASE AND IGNORANCE WILL BE FAINT MEMORIES OF A TIME LONG GONE
IN MAYA'S GRIP, ILLUSION TRANSFORMS TRUTH--THUS CREATING A DELUSIVE WORLD OF DUALITY--BALANCING PLEASURE WITH PAIN, EVERY JOY WITH GRIEF. COSMIC MOTHER ALLOW US TO BE BORN AGAIN ONTO A DIFFERENT SHELL
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?
THAT WAS...UHHH...I DON'T KNOW DUDE, BUT IT WAS LIKE.. PRETTY EDUCATIONAL DON'T YOU THINK?, STONE HAD LOTS OF WEIRD THINGS GOIN' ON IN HIS MIND.
I HOPE SHE DIDN'T PUT A CURSE ON US OR SOMETHING. WE SHOULD GET SOME BOOZE AND ERASE THIS FROM OUR MEMORIES.
MEANWHILE, SOMEONE IS PAYING HOMAGE TO STONE IN A MORE APPROPRIATE WAY.
STONE FINALLY BECAME A PART OF THAT IMMENSE SOUL.
HE DROWNED IN THE SPIRITUAL SEA...
IT'S WEIRD, I SHOULD FEEL REALLY SAD RIGHT NOW--DEVASTATED--BUT I DON'T. HE LEFT BEFORE I COULD ASK HIM TO FORGIVE ME AND YET, I DON'T FEEL GUILTY. ACTUALLY, I'M FEELING MORE SELF-ASSURED THAN BEFORE. WHY...?

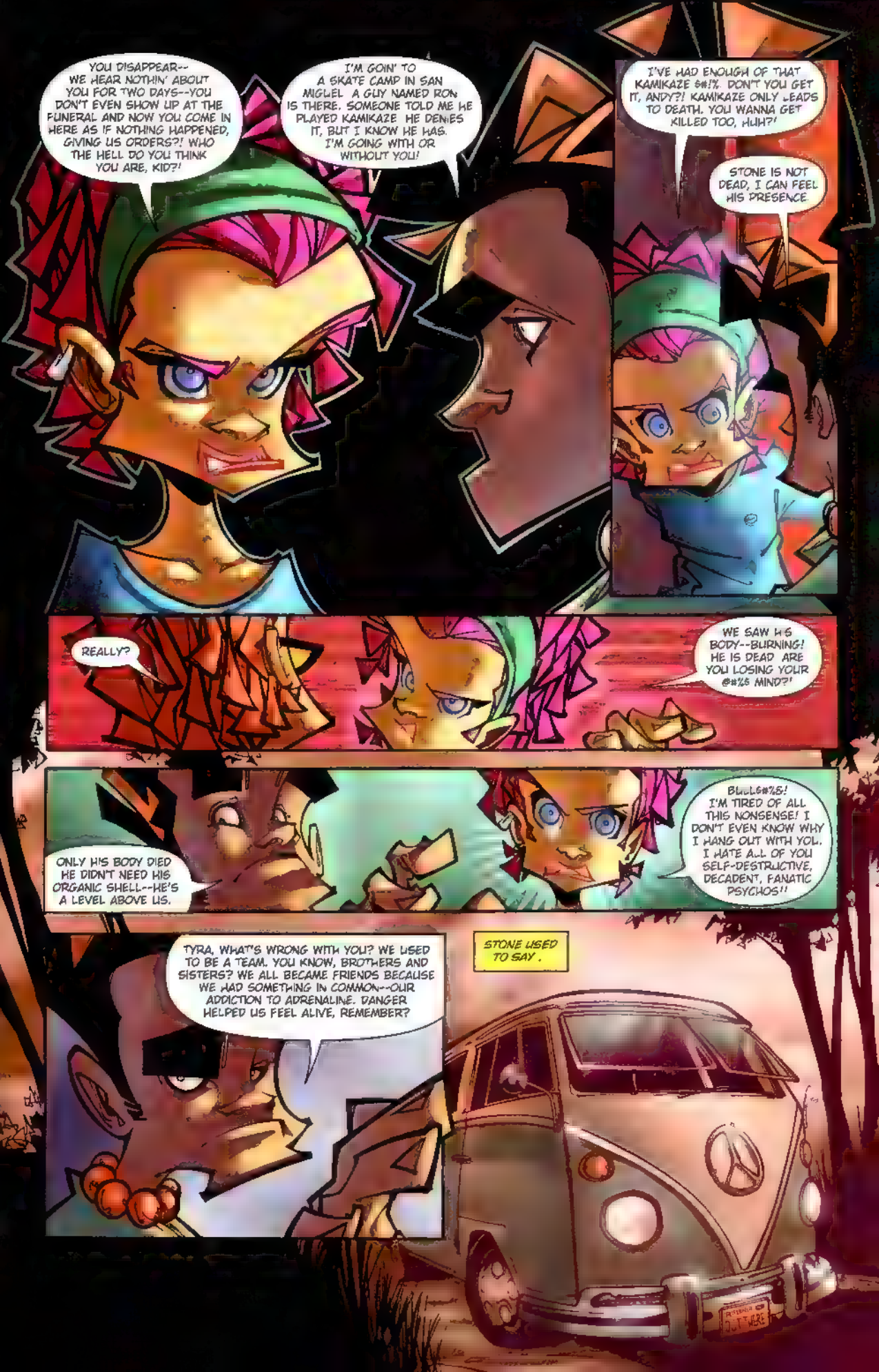
. . .IT'S LIKE I CAN FEEL STONE WATCHIN' ME! HE'S STILL ALIVE! STONE'S BODY DIED...BUT HIS SOUL IS AROUND HERE, SOMEWHERE. HE CHEATED DEATH!
I'M GONNA FIND OUT WHAT THE #$%@ KAMIKAZE IS!! I CAN'T WAIT TO RIDE THAT WAVE--I'M READY.
. . .ALL YOU BRAINLESS SURFERS ALWAYS SAY THE SAME THING! WHO CAME UP WITH THIS RIDICULOUS STORY ABOUT A SECRET SUICIDAL SPORT?
KAMIKAZE KILLED HIM, THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED
THAT'S THE ANSWER FOR EVERY MURDER IN THIS TOWN! KAMIKAZE, KAMIKAZE!! I'M SICK AND TIRED OF THAT STUPID EXCUSE
WANTED
POLICE

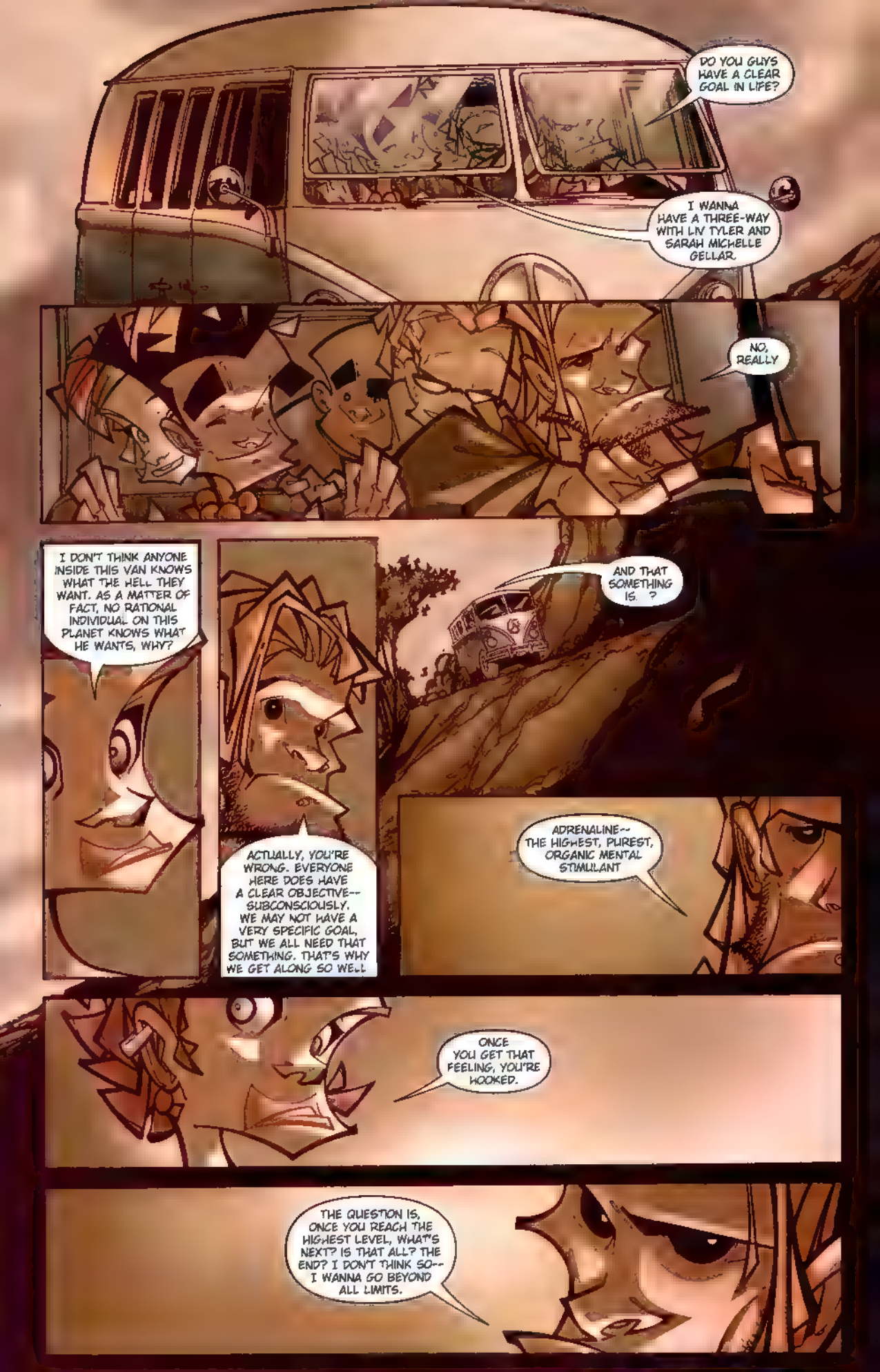
ZYON? OF COURSE, WHO ELSE? ZYON WITH THE HELP OF HIS PUPILS. . KAMIKAZE IS A MYTH CREATED BY ZYON TO COVER HIS TRACKS. WE ALREADY KNOW THAT
YOU USELESS SCUM. YOU'RE JUST A BUNCH OF PATHETIC JUNKIES DISGUISED AS ATHLETES. FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, THOSE ARE REAL SPORTS, ALL THAT X-TREME CRAP IS NOTHIN BUT AN EXCUSE TO BREAK THE LAW
LISTEN! I DON'T CARE IF YOU DIG X-GAMES OR NOT, THAT'S NOT MY PROBLEM. HE WAS INVITED TO PLAY KAMIKAZE--I PERSONALLY GAVE HIM. .
YOU GAVE HIM WHAT, ASHLEY?
NOT ANOTHER WORD TILL WE GET A LAWYER.
DON'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT, SIR, BUT WE FOUND THIS IN THEIR CAR

NICE. . POSSESSION OF AN ILLEGAL FIREARM.
HEY, WE NEVER CARRY GUNS. WHAT'S GOIN' ON?!
DO YOU OWN A 5%$- GUN, CLATIOUS?
NO! NO!! HAVE YOU EVER SEEN ME CARRYING ONE? I HATE WEAPONS!!
SHUT UP!!!! YOU'LL BE SPENDING SOME TIME BEHIND BARS.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU *TALKING* ABOUT?! WE DIDN'T SHOOT STONE, OKAY?
HE WASN'T SHOT, HE HAD A HEART ATTACK
WHAT?!

OBVIOUSLY YOU KNOW STONE SUFFERED FROM AN ACUTE CASE OF CLAUSTROPHOBIA. HE WAS KEPT INSIDE A BARREL FOR HOURS, WITHOUT ENOUGH AIR TO BREATH, MAKING IT HARDER FOR HIM TO HANDLE HIS WEAKNESS. HE HAD A HEART ATTACK...
AFTER A WHILE THEY THREW THE BARREL, WITH HIS BODY STILL INSIDE, FROM THE ROOFTOP OF THE HAICHS HOTEL. IT FELL INTO THE SWIMMING POOL--BUSTED UP A POOL PARTY--IT WAS A MESS.
YOU'RE MAKING THIS UP!
SHUT UP!
STONE HAD THE LETTER K PAINTED ON HIS BACK--YOUR M.O., ZYON!!
HOW DO YOU KNOW HE HAD A HEART ATTACK BEFORE THEY THREW HIM INTO THE POOL? I DON'T BUY IT.
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF FORENSIC MEDICINE?
DAMN IT! WHY DO YOU KEEP TALKING TO US LIKE WE'RE &/*& RETARDS, MAN?
BECAUSE THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU ARE, @#&% IDIOTS, ESPECIALLY YOU, ZYON. YOU'RE FINISHED!! YOU'VE BEEN NOTHING BUT TROUBLE. EVER SINCE YOU AND YOUR WASTED FOLLOWERS CAME TO SANTA CAMELIA.
...A BRIGHTER INDIVIDUAL WOULD'VE LEFT THIS PLACE SOONER, BUT NOW IT'S TOO LATE--WE GOT YA!! THE FBI IS GETTING INVOLVED. THEY'RE GONNA INTERROGATE ALL OF YOU.
YOU HEAR ME?! HUH? GAME OVER, ZYON, YOU LOSE!!!

WE HAVE FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES. YOU SEE, THESE "STUPID" GAMES FOR "RETARDS" WE PLAY GO BEYOND REGULAR SPORTS TRADITION. VERY POWERFUL PEOPLE WANT US TO BE FREE. YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, WE'RE NOT ATHLETES, WE'RE REBELS WHO BECOME ICONS. WE'RE GONNA BE OUTTA HERE SOONER THAN YOU THINK. JUST LET ME MAKE MY @#$% PHONE CALL.
MEANWHILE...
BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF--STONE DIDN'T LOVE YOU. A FEW MONTHS AGO HE HAD A BRIEF CRUSH ON YOU, BUT...
IT WAS MORE THAN A CRUSH! HE COULDN'T RESIST ME
HE ALSO LIKED ASHLEY
HE HAD SEX WITH HER--DOESN'T MEAN HE LIKED HER.
YOU ARE SO NAIVE, IT MAKES ME SICK.
LISTEN TO YOURSELF-- YOU ARE OBSESSING OVER SOMEONE WHO'S ALREADY DEAD. IT'S SAD.
YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG, TYRA. STONE WAS IN LOVE WITH ME, HE...UM., HE TOLD ME.
I WANNA DIE, TOO.
PACK YOUR STUFF, WE'RE LEAVING.


YOU DISAPPEAR-- WE HEAR NOTHIN' ABOUT YOU FOR TWO DAYS--YOU DON'T EVEN SHOW UP AT THE FUNERAL AND NOW YOU COME IN HERE AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED, GIVING US ORDERS?! WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, KID?!
I'M GOIN' TO A SKATE CAMP IN SAN MIGUEL. A GUY NAMED RON IS THERE. SOMEONE TOLD ME HE PLAYED KAMIKAZE. HE DENIES IT, BUT I KNOW HE HAS. I'M GOING WITH OR WITHOUT YOU!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THAT KAMIKAZE S#!%. DON'T YOU GET IT, ANDY?! KAMIKAZE ONLY LEADS TO DEATH. YOU WANNA GET KILLED TOO, HUH?!
STONE IS NOT DEAD, I CAN FEEL HIS PRESENCE.
REALLY?
WE SAW HIS BODY--BURNING! HE IS DEAD. ARE YOU LOSING YOUR @#%$ MIND?!
ONLY HIS BODY DIED. HE DIDN'T NEED HIS ORGANIC SHELL--HE'S A LEVEL ABOVE US.
BULL$#%$! I'M TIRED OF ALL THIS NONSENSE! I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY I HANG OUT WITH YOU. I HATE ALL OF YOU SELF-DESTRUCTIVE, DECADENT, FANATIC PSYCHOS!!
TYRA, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? WE USED TO BE A TEAM. YOU KNOW, BROTHERS AND SISTERS? WE ALL BECAME FRIENDS BECAUSE WE HAD SOMETHING IN COMMON--OUR ADDICTION TO ADRENALINE. DANGER HELPED US FEEL ALIVE, REMEMBER?
STONE USED TO SAY .


DO YOU GUYS HAVE A CLEAR GOAL IN LIFE?
I WANNA HAVE A THREE-WAY WITH LIV TYLER AND SARAH MICHELLE GELLAR.
NO, REALLY
I DON'T THINK ANYONE INSIDE THIS VAN KNOWS WHAT THE HELL THEY WANT. AS A MATTER OF FACT, NO RATIONAL INDIVIDUAL ON THIS PLANET KNOWS WHAT HE WANTS, WHY?
ACTUALLY, YOU'RE WRONG. EVERYONE HERE DOES HAVE A CLEAR OBJECTIVE--SUBCONSCIOUSLY. WE MAY NOT HAVE A VERY SPECIFIC GOAL, BUT WE ALL NEED THAT SOMETHING. THAT'S WHY WE GET ALONG SO WELL
AND THAT SOMETHING IS...?
ADRENALINE--THE HIGHEST, PUREST, ORGANIC MENTAL STIMULANT
ONCE YOU GET THAT FEELING, YOU'RE HOOKED.
THE QUESTION IS, ONCE YOU REACH THE HIGHEST LEVEL, WHAT'S NEXT? IS THAT ALL? THE END? I DON'T THINK SO--I WANNA GO BEYOND ALL LIMITS.

ARE YOU WILLING TO CHALLENGE YOUR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL LIMITS TO FIND A NEW FRONTIER, TYRA?
ARE YOU READY?
LET'S GO! RIGHT NOW!!
RENO'S SKATE PARK-- SAN MIGUEL, CALIFORNIA

WOW! THESE GUYS ARE GREAT. YOU CAN'T FIND THESE KINDA OF SKATERS BACK HOME.
NICE LAUNCH RAMP. I'M GONNA CHECK IT OUT.
CAREFUL, ANDY!

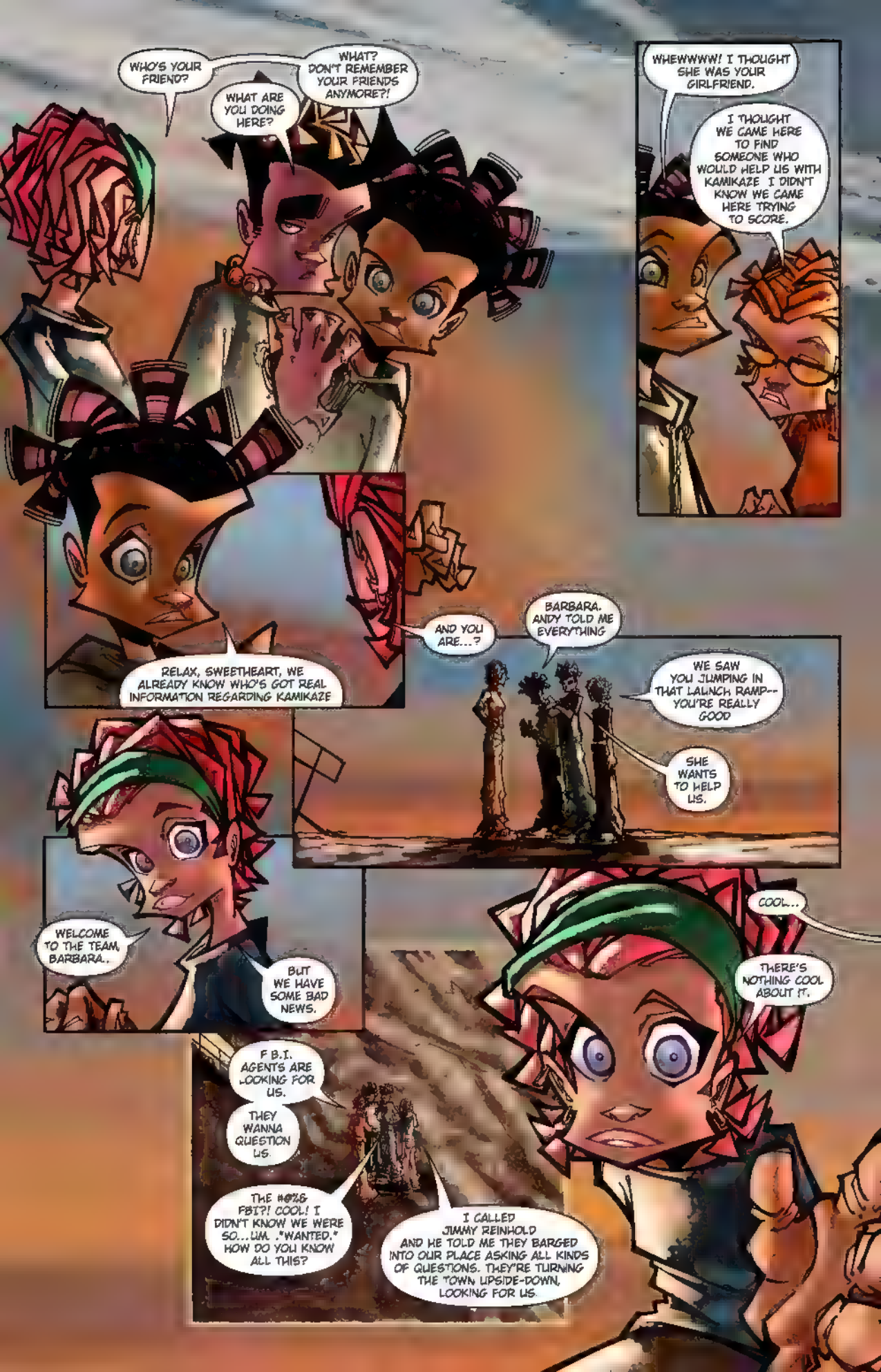
WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU?! YOU ALMOST LANDED ON ME!
CHILL. NAME'S BARBARA. WHAT'S YOURS?
I'M ANDY--YOU SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL!
THEN I SHOULDN'T BE HERE--PLAYING VIDEOGAMES WOULD BE SAFER.
GOOD POINT! YOU'RE...NOT BAD
YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD TOO, FOR A BOY BUT YOU DON'T KNOW MANY TRICKS, DO YOU? CAN'T YOU DO THE "FAST PLANT," "THE IMPOSSIBLE," OR THE "MANUEL?"
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE A "PRO-HO" TO ME. MOST OF THE GIRLS I'VE SEEN HANGIN' OUT IN SKATE PARKS ARE JUST FANS. ANYWAY, I CAME HERE LOOKING FOR A GUY NAMED RON HOFFMAN. HE OWNS THIS PARK, RIGHT?
RON DOESN'T OWN A THING, NOT EVEN A SKATEBOARD.
ARE WE TALKING ABOUT THE SAME GUY?
WELL, I DON'T KNOW, BUT THE RON I KNOW IS ALWAYS LYING TO PEOPLE. HE'S BEEN STUCK IN FANTASY-LAND SINCE HE CAME BACK FROM "THE OTHER WORLD."
PLEASE! YOU GOTTA TAKE ME TO HIM.
HE DOESN'T TALK TO AMS.
AMS?
AMATEURS.
I'M NOT A #@%& AM!! YOU MAY BE BETTER THAN ME, BUT I'VE BEEN SKATING FOR QUITE A WHILE.
YOU GOTTA BAD ATTITUDE, ANDY--AND NO SENSE OF HUMOR.
VERY FUNNY. EVERYONE'S A COMEDIAN. ARE YOU GONNA TAKE ME TO HIM? CAUSE OTHERWISE, I'LL LOOK FOR HIM MYSELF.

OKAY, I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO HIM. HE'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PARK. HE'S A WEIRD GUY AND HE DON'T TALK MUCH
ALL I HAVE IS A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS.
ALL RIGHT, FOLLOW ME
HEY, WAIT FOR ME
ANDY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK WAIT RIGHT HERE

I THINK I'LL WALK THE REST OF THE WAY.

WHAT HAPPENED? I THOUGHT YOU WERE ONE OF THOSE EXTREME GUYS--HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE.
I STILL NEED MY UNBROKEN BONES.
THIS IS RON.
I JUST HAVE ONE QUESTION. HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE KAMIKAZE USING ONE WORD?
KAMIKAZE?... FORGET IT. I WON'T SAY ANYTHING. ASK ME ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE
C'MON!
ONE WORD? THE END
PEOPLE MISUNDERSTAND ME. THEY THINK I'M LYING WHEN I'M SPEAKING METAPHORICALLY.
I USED TO BE A ROBOT, SOULLESS--MY LIFE NEVER FELT COMPLETE. THEN, I PLAYED KAMIKAZE!!
HOW COME YOU'RE STILL ALIVE?
ALIVE? NO. I'M A GHOST WHO WILL SOON VANISH. PEOPLE WILL FORGET THEY EVER KNEW ME.
I TOLD YOU HE'S A LIAR, ANDY. YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME.
YOU'RE COMPLETELY STONED, AREN'T YA?
IT DOES MAKE SOME SENSE
WELL, THAT EXPLAINS IT YOU'RE HIGH, TOO!
I CAN HELP YOU FIND THE KAMIKAZE HERMETIC CIRCLE.
HERMETIC CIRCLE?
IF YOU WANNA FIND THEM GO TO SUPERIOR, ARIZONA. LOOK FOR IRON VINCENT--I THINK HE LIVES IN A JUNK YARD

I LIKE YOU, ANDY. YOUR SKATEBOARDING SUCKS, BUT YOU'RE CUTE.
I LIKE SKATING, BUT I'M A BETTER SURFER.
I WOULD LOVE TO LEARN HOW TO SURF, IT'S A GREAT SPORT.
WOULD YOU TEACH ME HOW?
WHAT WOULD I GET IN EXCHANGE?
ANDY, WE DON'T MEAN TO SPOIL YOUR FUN, BUT...


WHO'S YOUR FRIEND?
WHAT? DON'T REMEMBER YOUR FRIENDS ANYMORE?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WHEWWWW! I THOUGHT SHE WAS YOUR GIRLFRIEND.
I THOUGHT WE CAME HERE TO FIND SOMEONE WHO WOULD HELP US WITH KAMIKAZE I DIDN'T KNOW WE CAME HERE TRYING TO SCORE.
RELAX, SWEETHEART, WE ALREADY KNOW WHO'S GOT REAL INFORMATION REGARDING KAMIKAZE
AND YOU ARE...?
BARBARA. ANDY TOLD ME EVERYTHING
WE SAW YOU JUMPING IN THAT LAUNCH RAMP-- YOU'RE REALLY GOOD
SHE WANTS TO HELP US.
WELCOME TO THE TEAM, BARBARA.
BUT WE HAVE SOME BAD NEWS.
COOL...
THERE'S NOTHING COOL ABOUT IT.
F B.I. AGENTS ARE LOOKING FOR US.
THEY WANNA QUESTION US.
THE #@%& FBI?! COOL! I DIDN'T KNOW WE WERE SO...UM. ."WANTED." HOW DO YOU KNOW ALL THIS?
I CALLED JIMMY REINHOLD AND HE TOLD ME THEY BARGED INTO OUR PLACE ASKING ALL KINDS OF QUESTIONS. THEY'RE TURNING THE TOWN UPSIDE-DOWN, LOOKING FOR US.

THEY THINK WE KILLED STONE!!!
SO, BARBARA, YOU SHOULD STAY AWAY FROM US. WE'RE BAD NEWS
BUT IF YOU DIDN'T KILL THIS GUY, YOU HAVE NOTHIN' TO WORRY ABOUT.
THEY COULD FRAME US--WE'RE NOT NECESSARILY MODEL CITIZENS.
LET ME TAG ALONG. IF I GET INVOLVED, I'LL DEAL WITH IT
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING BACK THERE?
GET A ROOM!
DO YOU NEED ME TO PULL OVER AT THE NEXT HO-JO'S?
HI, THERE!
SH@%! THE BRAKES AREN'T WORKING!

USE THE EMERGENCY BRAKE!
WHAT'S GOIN' ON?!
THE @#% BRAKES-- THEY WON'T WORK!
I CAN'T CONTROL THE CAR! WE'RE GONNA CRASH--HOLD ON TIGHT!
CRASH

FBI WARNING

Federal Bureau of Investigation

It started a few months ago and it doesn't seem like it will stop soon. Many young athletes have died in a brutal way while playing an extreme sport known as "Kamikaze."

The suicidal activity has caused the deaths of various many young men and women. Sick people have convinced these individuals to risk their lives--anyone could be the next victim.

DEATH is NOT an Illusion. friend or relative of yours could be the next victim.

Certain information gives us reason to believe that "Kamikaze" has links to an extremely dangerous serial killer group. We call on everyone to immediately notify the FBI or local law enforcement of any unusual or suspicious activity related to any x-treme sport activities.

Please help the FBI by sharing any information you may have about this "sport."

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PARENTAL SUPERVISION, THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE. THERE'S A LOT OF DANGER OUT THERE, YOU HAVE TO WATCH THEM CONSTANTLY.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU NEVER PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR KIDS.

I'LL SEND SOMEONE TO CHECK ON THEM. THAT'S ONE ADVANTAGE TO WORKING FOR THE FBI.
I WOULDN'T GO TOO FAR, YOU MIGHT FIND OUT STUFF YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW. IS YOUR DAUGHTER STILL A VIRGIN?

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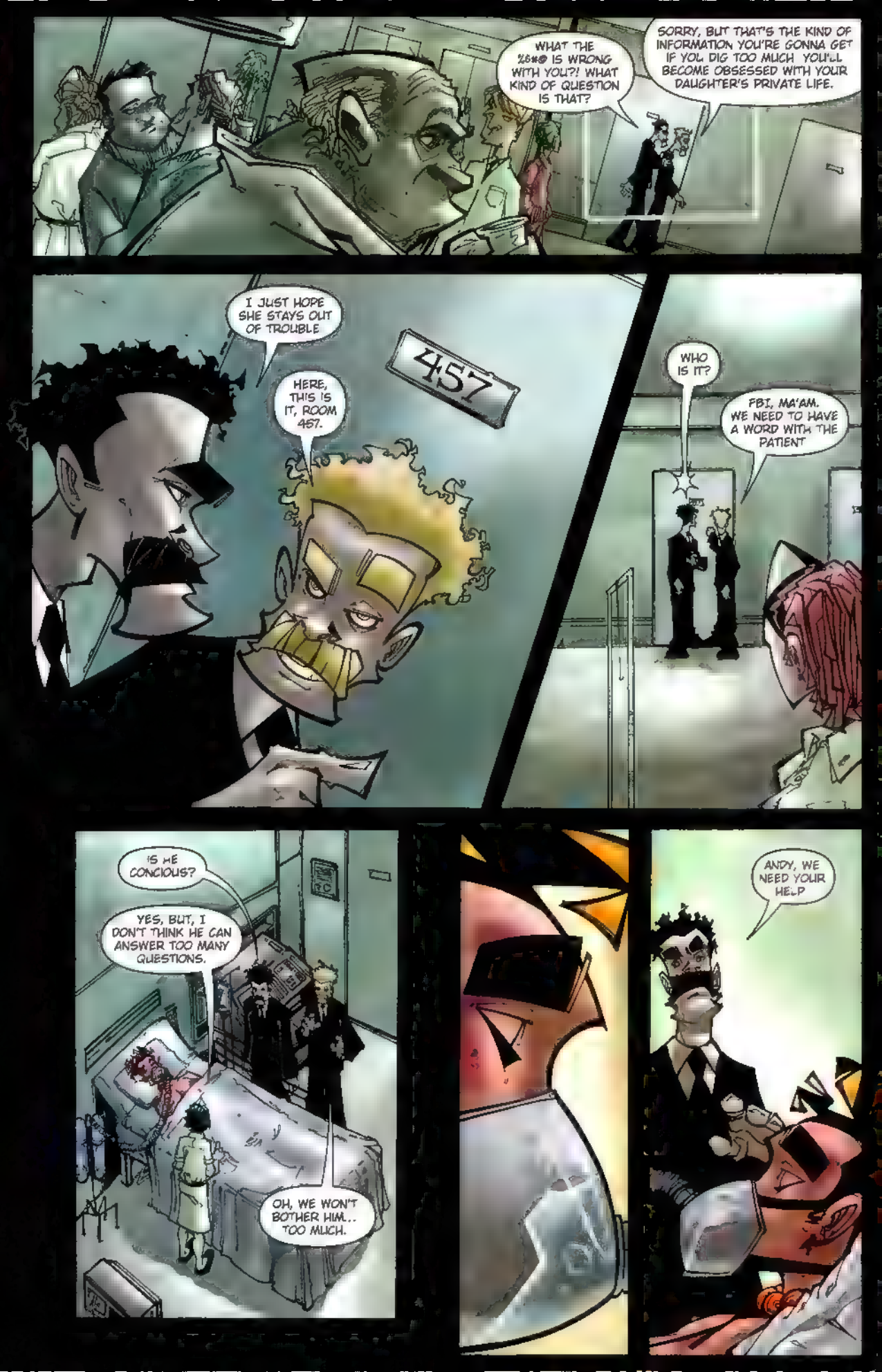
WHAT THE %&#@ IS WRONG WITH YOU?! WHAT KIND OF QUESTION IS THAT?
SORRY, BUT THAT'S THE KIND OF INFORMATION YOU'RE GONNA GET IF YOU DIG TOO MUCH YOU'LL BECOME OBSESSED WITH YOUR DAUGHTER'S PRIVATE LIFE.
I JUST HOPE SHE STAYS OUT OF TROUBLE
HERE, THIS IS IT, ROOM 457.
457
WHO IS IT?
FBI, MA'AM. WE NEED TO HAVE A WORD WITH THE PATIENT
IS HE CONCIOUS?
YES, BUT, I DON'T THINK HE CAN ANSWER TOO MANY QUESTIONS.
OH, WE WON'T BOTHER HIM... TOO MUCH.
ANDY, WE NEED YOUR HELP

WAS YOUR ACCIDENT PART OF KAMIKAZE?
I DON'T KNOW.
ARE YOU PART OF THE KAMIKAZE GROUP?
NO.
I KNOW THIS IS NOT THE BEST TIME FOR ME TO TELL YOU THIS. .YOUR FRIEND TISHA DIED IN THE ACCIDENT. YOU MUST HELP US-- WE CAN'T LET ANY MORE PEOPLE GET INJURED OR KILLED
WHAT?! NOOO!
YOU'LL HAVE TO LEAVE NOW
PLEASE, ANDY, HELP US. WHO IS BEHIND KAMIKAZE?
I DON'T KNOW! WE HAD AN ACCIDENT-- THE BRAKES DIDN'T WORK. NOT EVERY TEENAGER WHO HAS AN ACCIDENT IS TIED TO KAMIKAZE.
I'M SORRY. WE DIDN'T WANT TO MAKE THINGS WORSE FOR YOU, BUT YOU HAVE TO COOPERATE. IT STARTED IN CALIFORNIA, BUT NOW IT SEEMS TO BE HAPPENING IN OTHER STATES.
APPARENTLY YOU KNOW AS MUCH AS I DO

ONE MONTH LATER.
WELL, I THINK WE'VE ALL LEARNED A LESSON
YOU'RE NOT COMING WITH US TO ARIZONA, ARE YA?
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR #$%@& MIND, ANDY?! IT'S A MIRACLE THAT WE'RE ALIVE. DON'T YOU GET IT? AMY, STONE AND TISHA ARE DEAD! YOU WANNA END UP LIKE THEM? FINE. BUT LEAVE ME OUT OF IT. I HAVE A NEW APPRECIATION FOR LIFE. I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF ADRENALINE RUSHES!
WELL, I WISH YOU GOOD LUCK, TYRA.
BARBARA, STAY AWAY FROM THIS. YOU MAY STILL HAVE A CHANCE
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! IT COULD'VE HAPPENED TO ANYONE.
OH PLEASE! THAT WAS NO $%#@& ACCIDENT SOMEONE WANTED US DEAD
YOU'RE A LITTLE PARANOID
AND YOU'RE CLUELESS!
STOP ARGUING!
I'M GONNA MISS YOU, TYRA.

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ZY? ZYON, OPEN THE DOOR.
I'M COMING IN..

WHAT THE &%#@ HAPPENED-- YOU OKAY, ZYON?
WAKE UP!!
WHAT THE @#&% ARE YOU DOIN' HERE?
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU...LET ME HELP YOU ARE YOU WASTED?
GET OUTTA HERE!!
YOU'RE DRUNK.
NO, I JUST HAVE A TERRIBLE, 20-DAY-LONG HANG-OVER. PLEASE TAKE ME TO REHAB
ARE YOU SERIOUS?

HAHA! NAH.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? I WAS REALLY WORRIED. YOU DISAPPEARED SO WE ALL THOUGHT YOU WERE HIDING FROM THE COPS. WE'RE STILL SUSPECTS, YOU KNOW
WITHOUT EXERCISE, YOUR BODY WILL DISINTEGRATE SOONER THAN YOU THINK
I'M NOT HIDING FROM ANYBODY. I DIDN'T DO A THING
I KNOW YOU-- SOMETHING'S WRONG. YOU WON'T ADMIT IT, BUT I KNOW YOU KILLED STONE
LET IT GO. LET HIM REST IN PEACE
SOLO
I WANT THE TRUTH, ZYON
LOOK HOW STRONG I AM, BABY DO I LOOK SEXY?
OH YEAH, YOU'RE GETTING ME ALL EXCITED

WHAT THE @#$% ARE YOU DOING WITH A GUN?
I WON'T TELL ANYONE. I JUST NEED TO KNOW THE TRUTH. ARE YOU BEHIND ALL THIS KAMIKAZE @#$%?
SHOOT ME! C'MON, PULL THE TRIGGER! I'VE CHEATED DEATH SINCE I WAS SEVEN. I HATE MYSELF AND I HATE YOU, YOU SICK @#$%!
PLEASE, ZYON, TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED.
NO PAIN, NO GAIN!
NEW
DROP THE GUN! YOU DON'T REALLY WANNA KILL ME, DO YOU? YOU WANT THE TRUTH? OKAY, I'LL TELL YOU WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT FIRST PUT THAT THING DOWN.
NO
ASHLEY, DO IT NOW!
GOOD, NOW WE CAN TALK LIKE CIVILIZED HUMAN BEINGS.
$799.99
YOU CAN GET THE NEW "EXTREME ZACH'S BODYBUILDING MACHINE" FOR JUST $799.99. IF YOU CALL NOW YOU'LL GET ZACH'S EXTREME GUIDE TO BODY PERFECTION TOTALLY FREE
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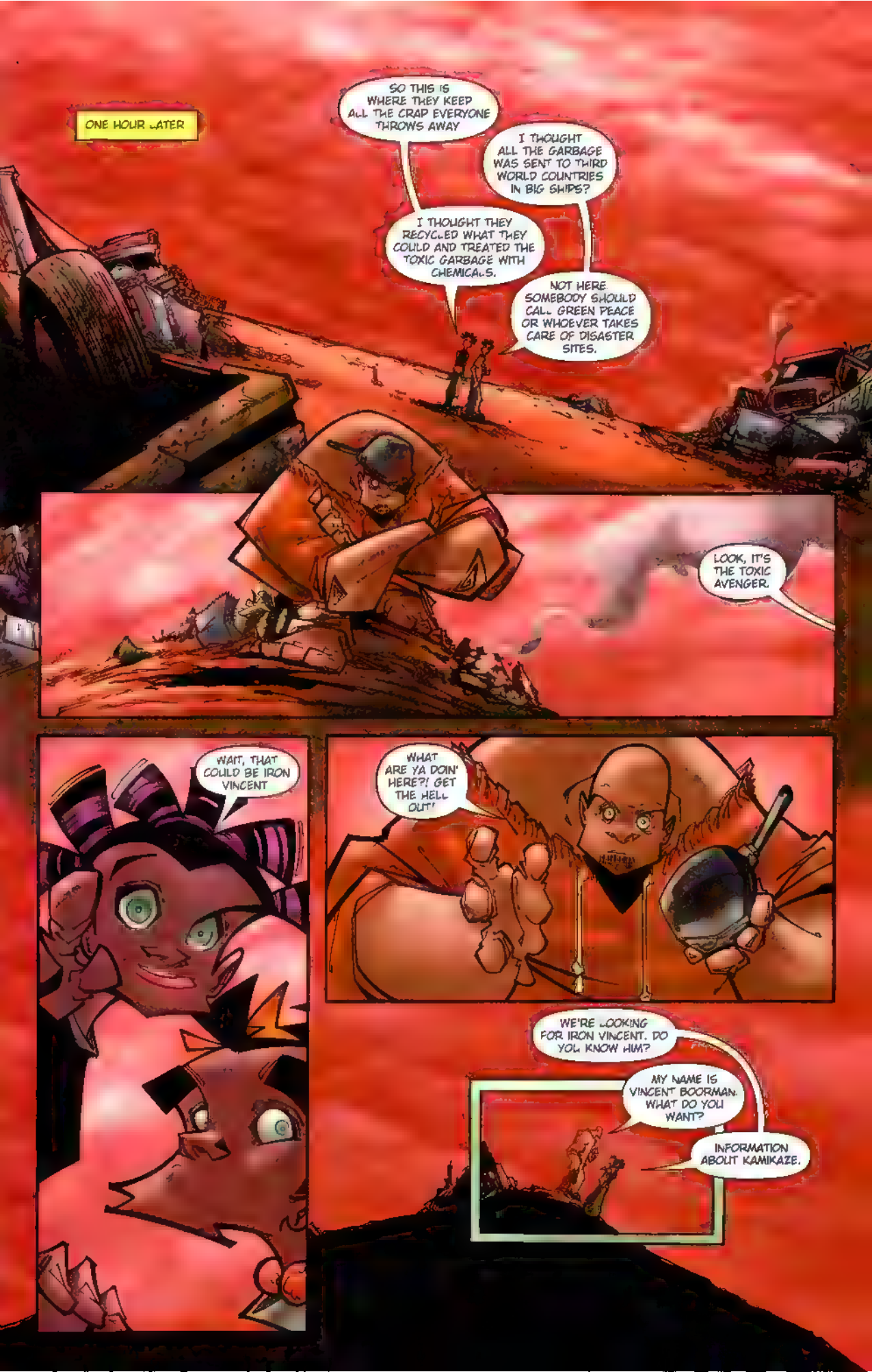
@#$%, I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN.
YOU WANTED TO KILL ME, HUH?! WHO SENT YOU?
NOBODY, YOU PARANOID @#$%*!
PLEASE DON'T.

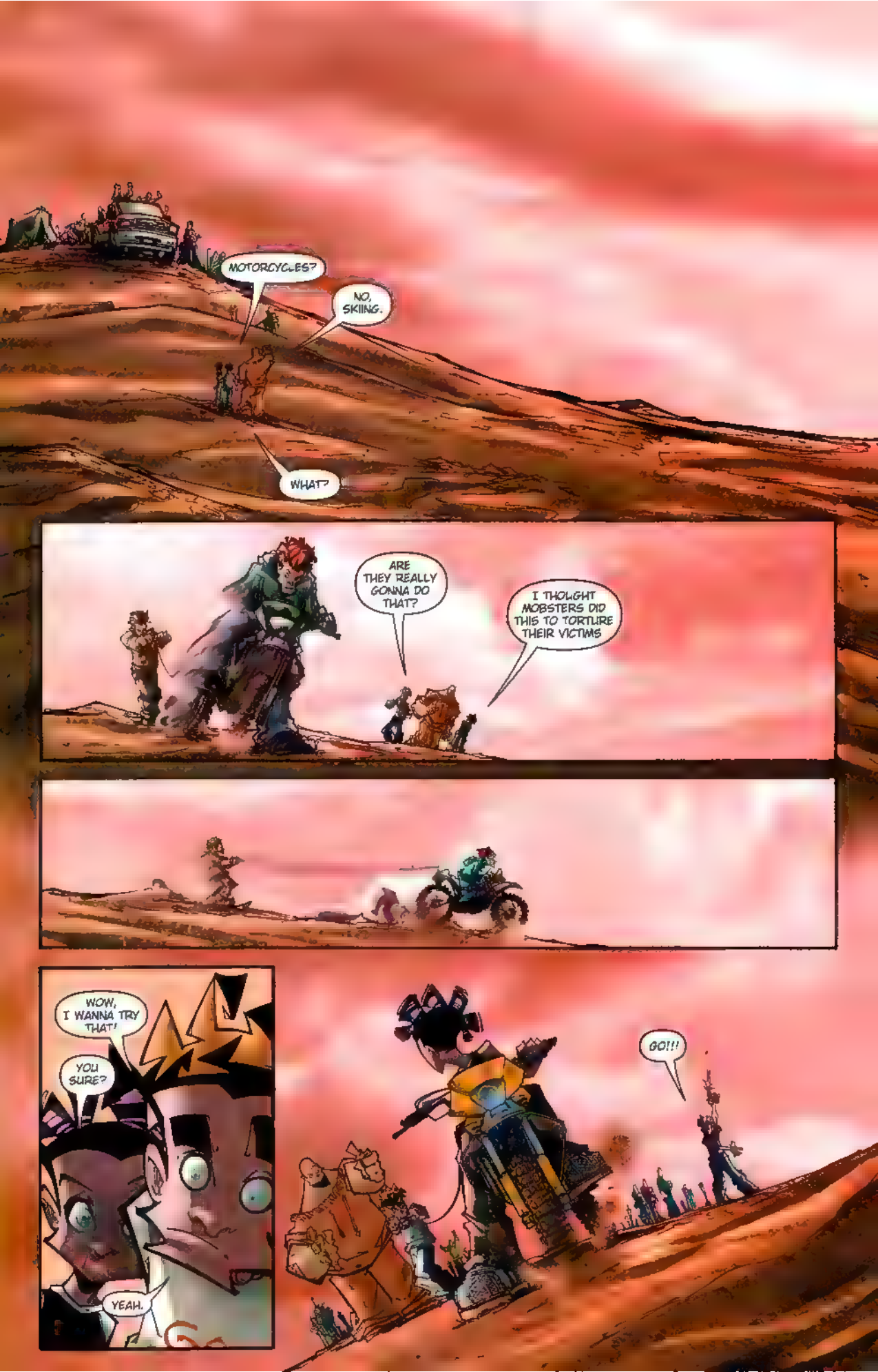
CALL NOW!!
$799.99
NOO!!!
BLAM
OH MY GOD!
THAT IDIOT WAS DRIVING ME NUTS.
I'M NOT A KILLER, OKAY? I KNOW I'M A LITTLE PSYCHO, BUT I WOULD NEVER KILL ANYBODY! I COULD'VE KILLED YOU, BUT I DIDN'T.
I'M SORRY I WAS JUST CONFUSED
I'M GLAD YOU'RE BACK.
OH, ZY, I'M REALLY SORRY. I LOVE YOU!

MEANWHILE, IN SUPERIOR, ARIZONA.
WHAT A GHOST TOWN.
I THOUGHT THESE KIND OF PLACES ONLY EXISTED IN LOW-BUDGET ROADTRIP MOVIES
THIS PLACE'S STUCK IN A MOMENT IN HISTORY--HASN'T CHANGED IN DECADES.
I HOPE WE FIND THIS GUY. I CAN'T BELIEVE SOME HOMELESS DUDE HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH KAMIKAZE
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE IN FOR A LONG HIKE


ONE HOUR LATER
SO THIS IS WHERE THEY KEEP ALL THE CRAP EVERYONE THROWS AWAY
I THOUGHT ALL THE GARBAGE WAS SENT TO THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES IN BIG SHIPS?
I THOUGHT THEY RECYCLED WHAT THEY COULD AND TREATED THE TOXIC GARBAGE WITH CHEMICALS.
NOT HERE. SOMEBODY SHOULD CALL GREEN PEACE OR WHOEVER TAKES CARE OF DISASTER SITES.
LOOK, IT'S THE TOXIC AVENGER.
WAIT, THAT COULD BE IRON VINCENT
WHAT ARE YA DOIN' HERE?! GET THE HELL OUT!
WE'RE LOOKING FOR IRON VINCENT. DO YOU KNOW HIM?
MY NAME IS VINCENT BOORMAN. WHAT DO YOU WANT?
INFORMATION ABOUT KAMIKAZE.

DANGER CAN BE PERCEIVED IN MANY WAYS. PEOPLE THINK KAMIKAZE IS DANGEROUS, BUT...
...THE HUMAN MIND HAS NEVER PERCEIVED "REALITY" TO ITS TRUE EXTENT
THE MIND DERIVES ITS IMPRESSION OF THIS SO-CALLED "REALITY" THROUGH AN ASTONISHINGLY DATA-DEFICIENT SERIES OF QUICK RETINAL IMPRESSIONS. SOME THINGS SOUND DANGEROUS WHEN THEY REALLY AREN'T.
DEATH IS NOT DANGEROUS. SEEING A DEAD HUMAN BODY IS FRIGHTENING, BUT THAT'S JUST A USELESS PIECE OF DEAD, ORGANIC MATTER.
SOUNDS TO ME LIKE YOU'RE ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO DIE WITH THAT PHILOSOPHY
LIVING IN THIS PLACE? WHO WOULDN'T BE?
DEATH IS INEVITABLE. IT'S NOT SOMETHING BAD, IT'S A SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE. YOU HAVE TO BE READY TO MEET IT. I AM READY
YOU WANNA KNOW WHAT KAMIKAZE IS ALL ABOUT?

KAMIKAZE IS ABOUT TRANSFORMATION. FORGET ABOUT WORDS LIKE DEATH, DESTRUCTION OR KILLING.
BUT PEOPLE ARE DYING BECAUSE OF THE GAME.
THERE'S NO PROOF OF THAT.
KAMIKAZE IS ABOUT PURIFICATION. IT CLEANSES YOU.
I DON'T GET IT.
BECAUSE YOU'RE BEING OBTUSE. EVEN THOUGH I AM SURROUNDED BY GARBAGE AND FILTH, MY "SELF" REMAINS CLEANSED
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE RIGHT THROUGH ME
YOU KIDS AREN'T READY TO UNDERSTAND THIS.
I THINK I GET IT NOW
YOU GUYS PLAY X-TREME SPORTS, RIGHT?
SOME OF THEM, YEAH
I'LL SHOW YOU A GREAT ONE YOU WANNA GO TO THE DESERT?


MOTORCYCLES?
NO, SKIING.
WHAT?
ARE THEY REALLY GONNA DO THAT?
I THOUGHT MOBSTERS DID THIS TO TORTURE THEIR VICTIMS
WOW, I WANNA TRY THAT!
YOU SURE?
YEAH.
GO!!!

VROOOM

BARBARA, STOP!!!
BARBARA, STOP!!!

ANDY, YOU OKAY?
LOOK INTO MY EYES.
YOU ARE NOT IN YOUR BODY. YOU CAN AVOID THE PAIN BY DISCONNECTING YOUR BODY FROM YOUR SOUL. YOU ARE ENTERING INTO A DEEP TRANCE. SLEEP, SLEEP...TOMORROW YOU WILL UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING I EXPLAINED TO YOU.
IT'S CALLED SHAMANISM.
HE'S COMPLETELY SEDATED.
WHAT DID YOU DO?

I NEVER MET MY FATHER--MY MOTHER WAS THE SOURCE OF ALL MY PROBLEMS
WHY?
I HATE HER.
SHE WAS A VERY AGGRESSIVE WOMAN, SO I WAS ABUSED AS A CHILD.
SHE HATED HER LIFE, HER JOB, AND WORST OF ALL SHE HATED ME
SHE WAS A SCHOOLBUS DRIVER. .
.. WITH LITTLE PATIENCE FOR CHILDREN.
ONE DAY, THE KIDS PUSHED THE WRONG BUTTONS..

...THE NEXT MORNING, SHE GOT ON THE BUS CARRYING A MACHINE GUN. ONCE ALL THE CHILDREN WERE INSIDE, SHE PULLED IT OUT AND SHOT EVERY ONE OF THOSE KIDS. MY MOTHER'S A MASS MURDERER-- SHE'S BEEN IN JAIL FOR 13 YEARS.
SHE GOT THE DEATH PENALTY AND IS ON DEATH ROW.
WAIT A SECOND, I HEARD ABOUT THAT STORY!! LAURA .STRADLIN, THE ST JOHN'S ELEMENTARY KILLER..SHE'S YOUR MOTHER?!

THAT'S WHY I STAY AWAY FROM ANY CRIMINAL ACTIVITY
I AM NOT THE ONE BEHIND THOSE KAMIKAZE KILLINGS. BELIEVE ME, I'VE SEEN ENOUGH DEATH IN MY LIFE
I MAY BE AGGRESSIVE AND UNSTABLE, MAYBE EVEN A LITTLE INSANE ..
BUT I AM NOT A KILLER!!

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ANDY, WAKE UP
YOU'RE BACK.
HOW DO YOU FEEL?
I FEEL... FINE WHAT HAPPENED?
YOU WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED.
YEAH, I KNOW, BUT I WAS JUST TALKING TO A SEA TURTLE
SHAMANISM?
SHUT UP, GIRL. MAKES SENSE TO ME

IT FELT SO REAL--EVERY COLOR, EVERY SOUND, EVERY TEXTURE
SUDDENLY, A SEA TURTLE APPEARED. SEA TURTLES ARE NEVER ALONE, THEY TRAVEL IN GROUPS. BUT THIS ONE WAS SPECIAL. IT REMINDED ME OF SOMEONE--I FELT A PRESENCE.
STONE?
I MUST BE DREAMING.
THERE ARE NO LIMITS ON THE HUMAN MIND'S ABILITY TO GENERATE AN INFINITE ABUNDANCE OF DREAMS... BUT THIS ISN'T EXACTLY A DREAM.
THEN WHAT IS THIS? WHERE AM I?
THE SUBCONSCIOUS IS MULTI-DIMENSIONAL, INDEPENDENT OF TIME AND SPACE. WHEN WE ARE AWARE OF ITS POTENTIAL, WE CAN FUNCTION USING THE WHOLE MIND. RIGHT NOW YOU'RE "OUTSIDE" YOUR BODY WHILE IT HEALS.
BUT I DON'T FEEL ANY PAIN. I FEEL... PEACE?
THE MIND CONTROLS ALL EMOTIONS. KEEP THAT IN MIND AND YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THE KAMIKAZE.

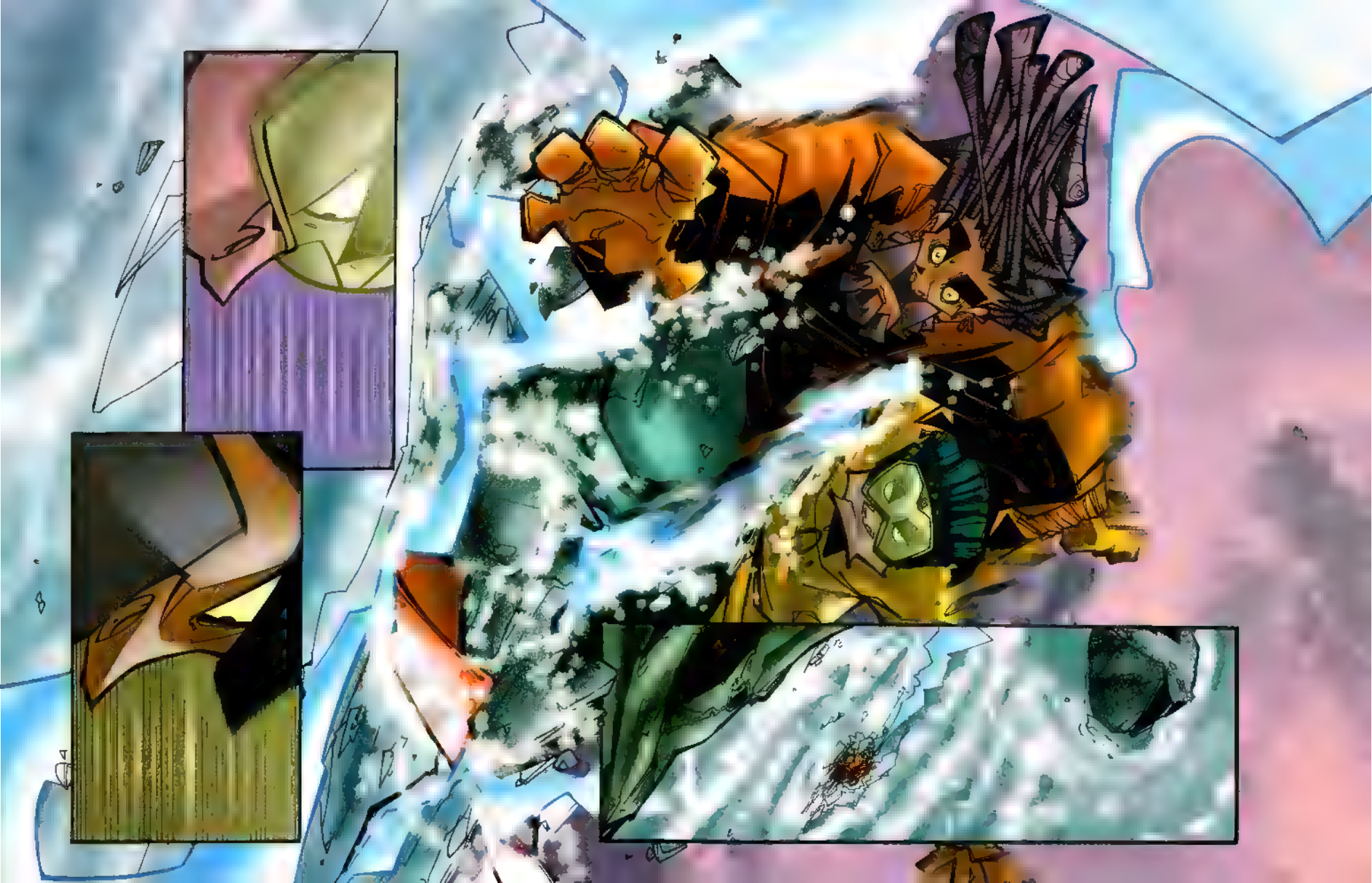
IT WAS NICE SEEING YOU, FRIEND
WAIT? WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE KAMIKAZE?!
THEN, THE TURTLE DISAPPEARED. IT REMINDED ME OF STONE--WHAT A TRIP!
WHERE ARE WE?
WELCOME TO RON VINCENT'S SACRED TEMPLE
I WANNA TRIP LIKE ANDY, HYPNOTIZE ME!
THIS AIN'T A GAME
I WAS DREAMING, RIGHT?

YES, DREAMS ARE NOT FICTITIOUS. THEY COME FROM THE SUBCONSCIOUS. WHEN DREAM SYMBOLS ARE INTERPRETED AND UNDERSTOOD, THEY CAN HELP CLEAR REPRESSED MEMORIES AND FEARS.
I FEEL GREAT! YOU REALLY HEALED ME
WHERE DID YOU LEARN HOW TO DO THAT?
SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME, DREAMS HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED FOR GUIDANCE AND HEALING. THE DREAM TEMPLES OF ANCIENT GREECE ARE A CLASSIC EXAMPLE--THE SICK WOULD PERFORM A SACRED RITUAL AND SLEEP IN A SPECIALIZED HEALING TEMPLE, JUST LIKE THIS ONE. THE GREEK GOD ASKLEPIOS WOULD OFTEN APPEAR IN A DREAM AND PERFORM A SYMBOLIC OPERATION. THE SEEKER WOULD AWAKEN HEALED.
SO, ARE YOU GONNA HELP US FIND THE KAMIKAZE COMMUNITY?
YOU ARE OBSESSED WITH KAMIKAZE. WHEN YOU ARE READY TO FACE IT, THEY WILL FIND YOU.
OH, C'MON, GIVE US A CLUE
NO, BUT I WILL GIVE YOU SOMETHING ELSE.
MY MOST PRIZED POSSESSION
WHAT IS IT?

I KNOW IT LOOKS LIKE A WORTHLESS ROCK, BUT THIS ONE IS VERY SPECIAL. TAKE IT.
THANK YOU, VINCENT. IT'S BEAUTIFUL
IT'S CALLED "THE GREEN FLAME"
"LET NOT THE GREEN FLAME DIE OUT. CHERISHED AGE AFTER AGE IN ITS DARK CAVERN--IN ITS HOLY TEMPLES. FED BY PURE MINISTERS OF LOVE, LET NOT THE FLAME DIE OUT."
LATER
WELL, IT'S BEEN GREAT HANGIN' OUT WITH YOU GUYS. HAVE A NICE TRIP AND REMEMBER TO BE PATIENT. YOU HAVEN'T BEEN INVITED TO PLAY KAMIKAZE THEY WILL FIND YOU WHEN THEY THINK YOU'RE READY. . SO STOP LOOKING FOR THEM.
HE'S RIGHT ANDY. MAYBE YOU'RE NOT READY
I AM READY! MAYBE THEY'RE NOT READY FOR ME
C'MON, ALL YOU NEED IS JUST A LITTLE PATIENCE
I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.

SIX MONTHS LATER.
ROSEMARY HILLS, DENVER, COLORADO.
THIS IS GONNA BE FUN!

LOOK WHO'S HERE! MR. ANDREW STONE.
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU LIKED THE COLD, BEACH BOY
PARASITES LIKE YOU SHOW UP IN THE MOST UNEXPECTED PLACES
PARASITE-- I LIKE THAT-- IT'S HARD TO BEAT A PARASITE
READY TO LOSE, ANDY?
GO!!



SEE YA LATER, ANDREW!

WHERE YOU GOIN'?
SORRY, ZYON! I'M WINNING THIS RACE

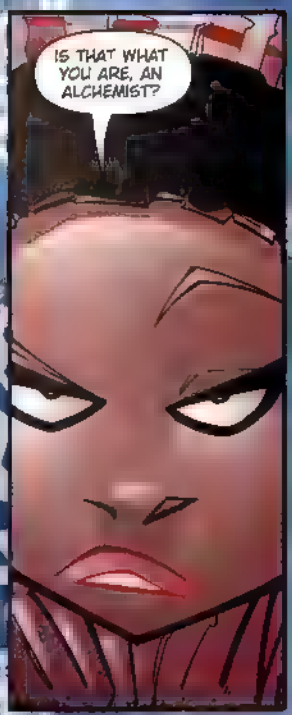
ANDY!!
YOU BEAT HIM!!
OH, THAT'S SO SWEET.
I UNDERSTAND NOW YOU HAD TO IMPRESS THE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE
C'MON, ZYON, ONE OF THESE DAYS YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO LEARN HOW TO LOSE--YOU'RE GREAT AT IT
YOU DID A GREAT JOB, KID, REALLY CONGRATS. BUT THE FACT IS THAT I DON'T HAVE TO IMPRESS ANYBODY. MY LADY'S ALREADY IMPRESSED WITH THE NEW ZYON.
HELLO, KIDS.

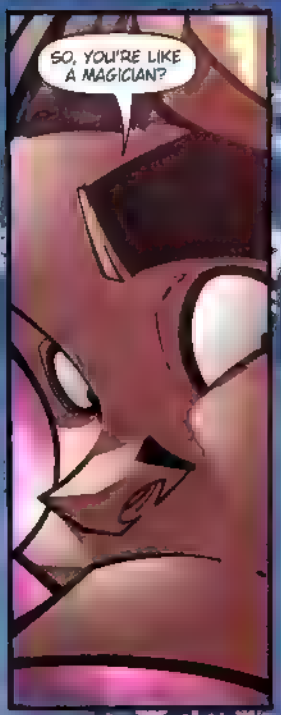
WE'RE GETTING MARRIED ON NEW YEAR'S EVE
WOW, LOOKS LIKE I NEED A WOMAN.
WHO CAN FALL IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE WHO DISAPPEARS WITHOUT A WORD ONLY TO COME BACK THREE MONTHS LATER?
WHAT IS THIS, A FAMILY REUNION?
C'MON, ANDY, LET'S BE FRIENDS I'M SURE YOU PROBABLY HATE ME, BUT ASHLEY HAS HELPED ME REDISCOVER MY BETTER SELF.
YEAH, HE'S CHANGED A LOT--OTHERWISE, I WOULDN'T BE WITH THIS PSYCHO
WHY DON'T WE DISCUSS THIS OVER LUNCH--I'M HUNGRY

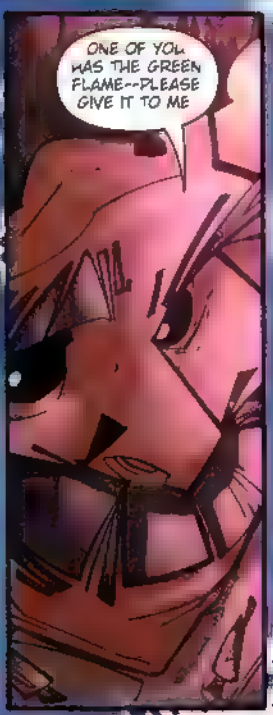
SO, THIS KID STARTED FLYING-- THE SURFBOARD WAS ATTACHED TO HIS FEET OR SOMETHING! IT WAS AMAZING!
BACK THEN I HATED THIS %#@& 14-YEAR-OLD. I COULDN'T DO THOSE STUNTS WHEN I WAS HIS AGE.
HE WAS 14?!
MAYBE YOUNGER. I CAN'T REMEMBER NOW
CHALK IT UP TO MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL DECADENCE--
EXCUSE ME? MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!
I NEED SOMETHING FROM YOU.

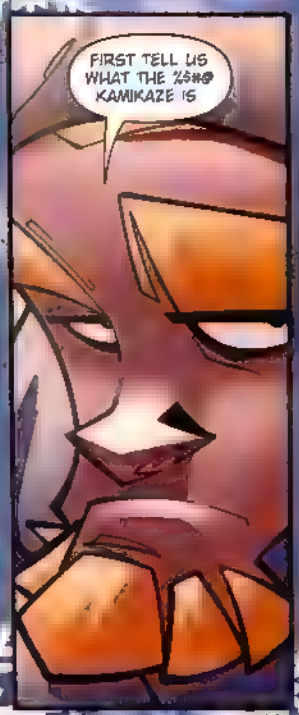
YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT BELONGS TO ME
SOMEONE GIVE THIS OLD MAN SOME SPARE CHANGE
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
PROBABLY NEEDS A HOT MEAL
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHERE KAMIKAZE TAKES PLACE, YOU'LL WANT TO COME WITH ME

IT'S NICE TO SEE YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED IN ALCHEMY


IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE, AN ALCHEMIST?


SO, YOU'RE LIKE A MAGICIAN?


ONE OF YOU HAS THE GREEN FLAME--PLEASE GIVE IT TO ME


FIRST TELL US WHAT THE %$#@ KAMIKAZE IS

ALCHEMY!
ALCHEMY, THROUGHOUT HISTORY, HAS SHOWN A DUAL NATURE. IT INVOLVED THE USE OF CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES AND IS THEREFORE CONSIDERED THE PRECURSOR OF MODERN CHEMISTRY. YET, ALCHEMY HAS ALSO BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE ESOTERIC, SPIRITUAL BELIEFS OF HERMETIC PHILOSOPHY!
THE FAMOUS EMERALD TABLET, THE TABULA SMARAGDINA OF HERMES, IS THE PRIMARY DOCUMENT ABOUT ALCHEMY. THERE HAVE BEEN VARIOUS STORIES OF THE ORIGIN OF THE TRACT. ONE STATES THAT THE ORIGINAL EMERALD SLAB UPON WHICH THE PRECEPTS WERE INSCRIBED WAS DISCOVERED IN THE TOMB OF HERMES BY ALEXANDER THE GREAT. THE SECRETS OF HERMES WERE FOUND IN HIS OWN HANDS.
IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THE SECRETS BEHIND KAMIKAZE, YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE IN THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF HERMETIC PHILOSOPHY. "HE WHO KNOWS THESE PRINCIPLES, UNDERSTANDINGLY, POSSESSES THE MAGIC KEY BEFORE WHOSE TOUCH ALL THE DOORS OF THE TEMPLE WILL FLY OPEN."
I DON'T UNDERSTAND A %&#@! WORD YOU'RE SAYING.
THE LIPS OF WISDOM ARE CLOSED, EXCEPT TO THE EARS OF UNDERSTANDING.

TO PLAY KAMIKAZE YOU NEED TO KNOW THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES. GIVE ME THE GREEN FLAME AND I WILL GIVE YOU THE SECRET MAP THAT WILL TAKE WHERE YOU WANT TO GO--THE KAMIKAZE HERMETIC CIRCLE
WHERE THE #&%$ ARE WE SUPPOSED TO FIND THIS GREEN FLAME?!
IT SOUNDS LIKE THE NAME OF SOME EXOTIC DRINK.
WHAT IS IT?
IT LOOKS LIKE A GREEN STONE, BUT IT USED TO BE GOLD
I HAVE THE STONE

NOW MY BODY CAN DIE PEACEFULLY.
NOW, GIVE US THE MAP.
THERE IT IS, ON THE WALL. YOU'LL HAVE TO GO TO OAXACA, MEXICO.

Ticelota
Axachio
Santo de Eyipantla
La Victoria
Zapopan de Cabanas
El Agu
Juan Jacobo Torres
Tonayan
WOW! MEXICO SOUNDS COOL. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I THINK I LEFT MY CELL PHONE IN THE CAR.
THE KAMIKAZE COMMUNITY LIVES THERE?
YES.
OAXACA-- WE'RE GOING TO OAXACA, MEXICO. THIS OLD MAN HAS A SECRET MAP. I THINK THESE KAMIKAZE PEOPLE OPERATE FROM MEXICO OR SOMETHING. THE WEIRDO SEEMS TO BE TELLING THE TRUTH.

ARE YOU SURE? ANY MISTAKE WILL RUIN THIS UNDERCOVER OPERATION!
I'M 100% POSITIVE, SIR.
OKAY, STAY WITH THEM. ZYON IS STILL WITH YOU, RIGHT?
YEAH! ZYON IS GOING TOO. I'LL GIVE YOU MORE INFORMATION THE MOMENT WE ARRIVE
ZYON AND ASHLEY ARE ASKING ME TOO MANY QUESTIONS.
BE CAREFUL, ZYON IS PRETTY SMART. HE MAY ALREADY SUSPECT YOU'RE WORKING WITH US.
NO. I'M ANYTHING BUT A COP
OKAY, WE'RE SENDING OUR PEOPLE TO OAXACA.
BYE
ZY.. ZYON, WHAT'S UP?
ARE YOU #6%*@ KIDDING ME? YOU'RE A COP?!

NO-- RELAX, DUDE! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? WHY DO YOU HAVE A GUN?!
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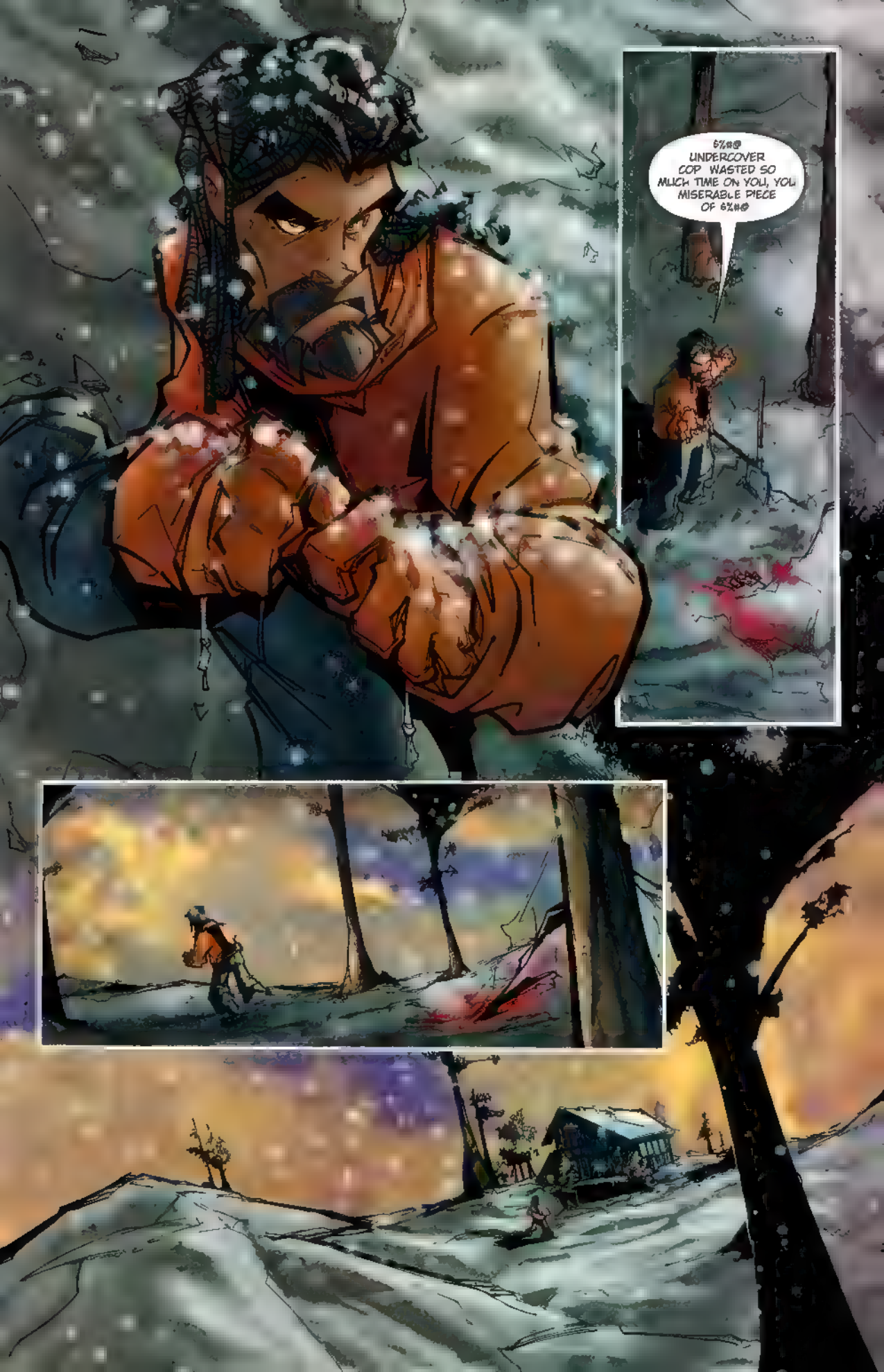

&%#@ UNDERCOVER COP WASTED SO MUCH TIME ON YOU, YOU MISERABLE PIECE OF &%#@

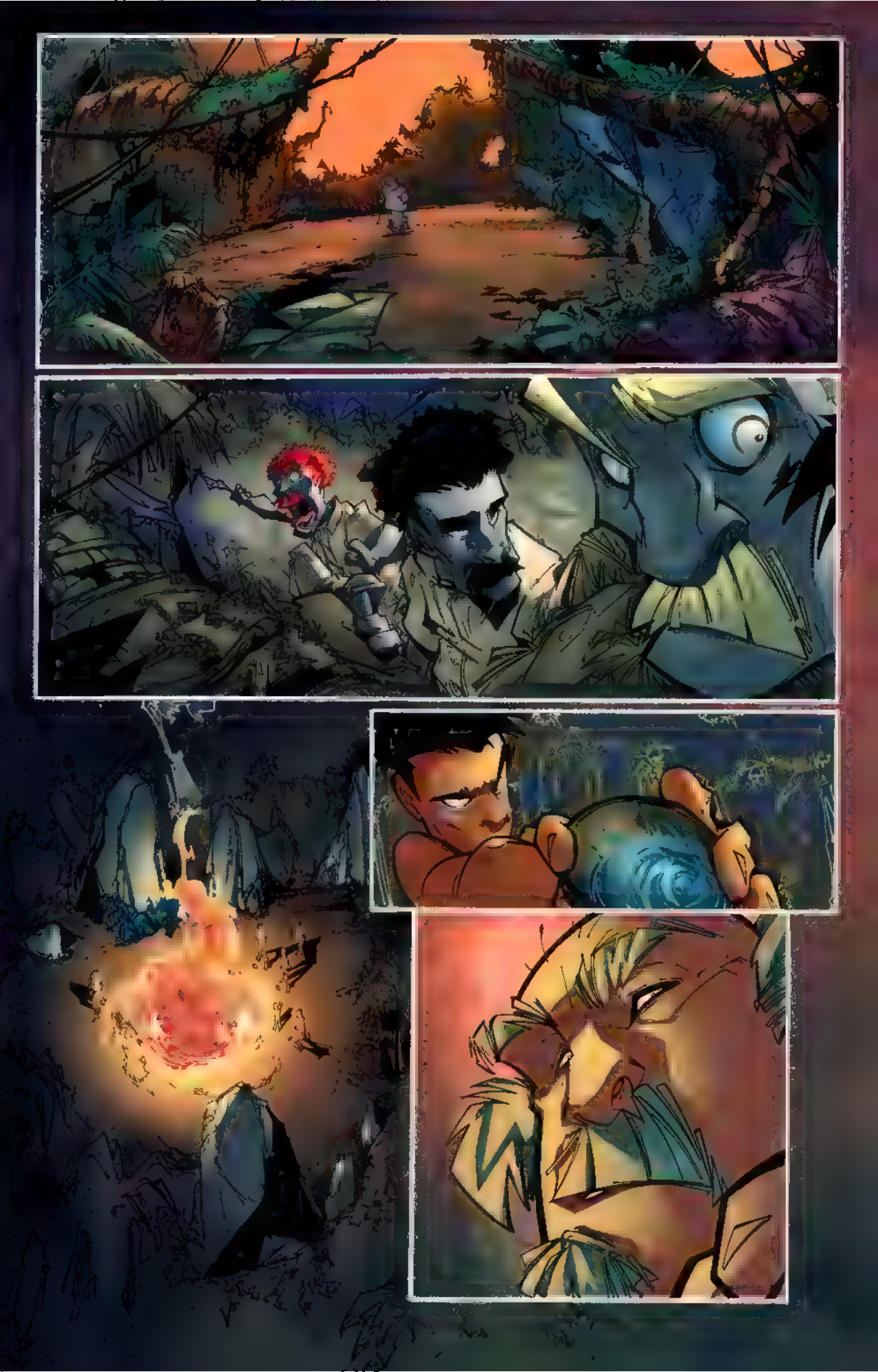
YOU KNOW ZYON, HE'S LIKE A DAMN GHOST-- VANISHES WITHOUT LEAVING A STINKIN' CLUE TO WHERE HE IS. I'M USED IT.
WHERE THE HELL ARE ZYON AND CLATIOUS?!
LET'S GET THE HELL OUTTA HERE. ZYON MAKES ME REALLY UNCONFORTABLE, EVEN HIS SHADOW MAKES ME NERVOUS. AND CLATIOUS ACTS REALLY WEIRD, DISAPPEARING ALL THE TIME .I M SICK AND TIRED OF THEM.
I LOVE YOU TOO, ANDY. THAT WAS TOUCHING--JUST WHAT I EXPECTED FROM AN HONEST AND SINCERE KID LIKE YOU. I WAS JUST HAVING A PRIVATE CHAT WITH CLATIOUS. HE HAD TO LEAVE, BUT I'M READY-- I WAS BORN READY, SO LET'S GO

A HUEVO, THEY'RE HERE.
TOURISTS, BIENVENIDOS, WELCOME. MY NAME IS JUANCHO--ARE YOU HUNGRY? I HAVE CAMARÓN AND PEJELAGARTO. YOU WANNA BANANA RIDE, PARACHUTE--WHATEVER YOU WANT?
NO, GRACIAS WE'RE BUSY
WELL, THEN YOU PROBABLY DON'T WANNA PLAY KAMIKAZE YOU'RE JUST REGULAR TOURISTS--@#&% SPRING-BREAKERS! YOU THINK THIS IS CANCUN OR SOME %$#@ LIKE THAT
HA! HA! HA! I KNEW IT. YOU WANNA REAL RIDE, DON'T YOU? FOLLOW ME, MY YOUNG AMERICAN FRIENDS. IT'S TIME TO COME OUT OF THE SHELL YOU'VE BEEN HIDING IN.
YOU EVEN KNOW WHERE YOU ARE? YOU'RE IN THE JUNGLE, BABY--YOU'RE GONNA DIE HA, HA, HA, HI, HI!

HEY, WAIT A SECOND, HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT...?
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING? COME BACK!
SON OF A BITCH KNOWS WHO WE ARE
WE'RE ON THEM, BUT WE DON'T SEE CLATIOUS WITH THEM. HAS HE CALLED YOU?
NO, HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE WITH THEM. WE'LL TRY TO CONTACT HIM, BUT PLEASE DON'T LOSE THEM. WE DON'T WANT ANY MORE DEATHS-- EVEN IF THEY HAPPEN WAY BEYOND OUR BORDERS.

WELCOME TO IXTLAN

SOMETHING ABOUT THAT LITTLE FELLOW MAKES ME NERVOUS. I HATE PEOPLE WHO MAKE ME NERVOUS. SO I JUST MAY HAVE TO KILL THAT LITTLE BASTARD.
@#&%. I HATE THESE SITUATIONS.
I HAVE A PRETTY BAD FEELING ABOUT ALL THIS. I JUST HOPE I CAN SPEND A COUPLE OF HOURS ALONE WITH ANDY BEFORE THESE CRAZY NATIVES KILL US.
YEAH. OF COURSE IT'S MOLDUM-- IT MATCHES HIS DESCRIPTION PERFECTLY



WOW, WHAT'S GOIN' ON, MAN? HA HA HA, THIS IS REALLY COOL. I.. AM... I AM TRYIN..
I'M TIRED OF YOU PEOPLE. I DON'T WANNA PLAY THIS RIDICULOUS GAME ANYMORE I'M AFRAID... I'M AFRAID OF MY MOTHER...MOM? WHERE ARE YOU? I MISS YOU, MOMMY! YOU GUYS ARE ALL A BUNCH OF... ZOMBIES--WANNABES, YOU DON'T HAVE A REAL IDENTITY...BELIEVING ALL THAT CRAP THAT STONE TOLD YOU. URBAN LEGENDS...YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT LIFE IS ABOUT UNTIL YOU KILL SOMEONE.
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS KAMIKAZE! THEY WERE JAPANESE PILOTS! KAMIKAZE IS A BIG LIE--A MYTH THAT SPREAD BY WORD OF MOUTH IN THE AMERICAN SURF SOCIETY. IT'S A PRODUCT OF SOME ADRENALINE JUNKIE'S IMAGINATION!
KAMIKAZE IS NOT A GROUP OF PEOPLE KILLING SURFERS. IT'S ONLY ONE-- ME--I AM THE KILLER! THAT'S RIGHT, THE MOST X-TREME THING I'VE EVER DONE IS TAKE A HUMAN LIFE. NOW, THAT IS SPIRITUAL HA! HA! HA!
I KILLED STONE, TISHA AND EVEN CLATIOUS--DAMN UNDERCOVER COP HE REALLY DESERVED IT--EVERYONE DID. THEY LIKED TO RISK THEIR LIVES FOR PLEASURE...I KILL FOR PLEASURE--IT'S ALL ABOUT MAKING EVERYBODY HAPPY!

ANYONE WHO DRINKS MUSHROOM JUICE ALWAYS TELLS THE TRUTH
HUH. . HMMMM. MOM?
ANDY!
SON OF A #&%@!
¡QUE LA %&@# CON ESTE RASTAFARI! PINCHE LOCO

KAMIKAZE. .YOU CAME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE TO FIND ANSWERS? YOU WANT TO PLAY KAMIKAZE? I DON'T MEAN TO DISAPPOINT YOU, BUT KAMIKAZE IS NOT PHYSICALLY CHALLENGING--IT'S SPIRITUALLY CHALLENGING. YOUR BODY IS JUST THE TEMPORARY RECEPTACLE FOR YOUR SOUL AND MIND.
THE SPIRIT WITHIN YOU CONTAINS ENOUGH ENERGY TO STOP A KILLER WAVE, A TORNADO, A SAMURAI WARRIOR--EVEN YOURSELF. ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE BECAUSE YOUR SPIRIT IS INTANGIBLE KAMIKAZE IS THE ULTIMATE LIFE EXPERIENCE. NOBODY REALLY DIES--THAT'S A LIE. SOMEONE HAS BEEN MURDERING PEOPLE AND WANTS TO BLAME THE KILLINGS ON US
I FOUNDED KAMIKAZE IN 1975 AFTER I LOST MY WIFE AND CHILDREN. THE GOVERNOR HAD THEM KILLED AND SENT ME TO PRISON. TO SURVIVE THE EMOTIONAL SHOCK I HAD TO CREATE AN IMAGINARY ENVIRONMENT, BUT AVOIDING REALITY WAS NOT A GOOD CHOICE. I MADE A TRIP TO THE CENTER OF MY SOUL--THAT'S WHAT KAMIKAZE IS ALL ABOUT. SOME PEOPLE CAN REACH THAT LEVEL OF SPIRITUALITY AND OTHERS. .WELL, THEY GO BACK AND LIVE THEIR NORMAL LIVES, TRYING TO BUY HAPPINESS IN SHOPPING MALLS.
I PLAY KAMIKAZE ALL THE TIME. DESTROY ALL YOUR PERSONAL BELONGINGS, ERASE YOUR PERSONAL PAST, AND START PLAYING. YOU HAVE TO LOVE YOURSELF, YOU NEED TO LOVE EVERY SINGLE THING THAT SURROUNDS YOU.
IN COMBAT YOU MUST BE A WARRIOR, BUT INSTEAD OF USING A SWORD YOU MUST USE THE ENERGY WITHIN YOU, YOU MUST DOMINATE YOUR BRAIN--DON'T LET IT DOMINATE YOU.
KAMIKAZE IS A VERY COMPLEX GAME THAT CAN ONLY BE PLAYED BY THE CHOSEN ONES, PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO START ALL OVER AGAIN AND DEDICATE THEIR WHOLE LIVES TO THE PURSUIT OF SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT.

ANY QUESTIONS?
YEAH. MY WHOLE LIFE I FELT EMPTY. I TRIED TO FILL THAT EMPTINESS BY HAVING SEXUAL ENCOUNTERS WITH COOL GUYS. THEY ALWAYS DUMPED ME AND LEFT ME WORSE OFF. I TRIED EVERYTHING: PILLS, YOGA, X-SPORTS, SEX, MEDITATION, RELIGION, TV, AND JUNK FOOD. BUT NOW--LIKE SOMETHING THAT I HADN'T FELT BEFORE. I'M...PREGNANT, AND I THINK STONE IS THE FATHER.
I NEED TO BE ON MY OWN. SORRY, BARBARA, BUT YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN NOW.
I THINK I'M A LESBIAN. I LIKE YOU, ANDY, BUT I'M NOT ATTRACTED TO YOU.
WOW, THAT'S PRETTY COOL. YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD ME BEFORE, WE ALMOST. YOU KNOW.

¿Y AHORA QUÉ?
WE'RE NOT DONE YET.
ZYON.

HOLD YOUR HORSES THERE, MOLDUM. WE'RE HERE--WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM.
OH, YES.. SURE

TAKE HIM AWAY.
WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN TO HIM?
HE'S HUMAN WASTE. HE'S GONNA SPEND THE REST OF HIS LIFE IN A VERY NICE HOTEL KNOWN AS BATONGAVILLE PENITENTIARY--COMPLETELY ISOLATED, NO BEACH, NO MOTORCYCLES. HE'S GONNA HAVE TO FACE HIS PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE AND HIS WORST ENEMIES. THANKS A LOT. WE OWE YOU ONE.
ONCE YOU'RE IN, YOU NEVER REALLY LEAVE THE AGENCY
DAMN RIGHT! IT WAS GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
ZYON, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT. ANYTHING YOU SAY CAN BE USED AGAINST YOU...
WHERE AM I?
YOU KNOW, YOUR MOTHER DIED SIX DAYS AGO. IT'S A SHAME--SHE PROVIDED ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE GUARDS. WHAT A PSYCHO!

WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED LAST NIGHT?
WELL, I THINK YOU DISCOVERED YOUR TRUE SELF.
THANKS A LOT, GUYS. I HOPE I SEE YOU SOON.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I WANNA SEE MY MOM, IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME. SHE'LL WANT TO MEET HER GRANDSON.
MAYBE IT'S A GIRL.
IT'S A BOY.
HOW DO YOU KNOW?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT I'M QUITE SURE. A LITTLE VOICE TOLD ME WHILE WE WERE UNDER THE TRANCE.
I'M LEAVING TOO. I MISS MY SKATEBOARD.
I'M GONNA STAY HERE--I'M STILL SEARCHING FOR THE ULTIMATE SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE. I'M GONNA PLAY KAMIKAZE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.

ARE YOU READY, ANDY?
I'M NOT SURE.
GOOD. YOU MUST ASSUME THAT YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING. YOU MUST START FROM SCRATCH.
THANK YOU, MOLDUM.
GRACIAS A TÍ.

YOUR JOURNEY HAS JUST BEGUN. YOU ARE PLAYING KAMIKAZE AT THIS PRECISE MOMENT.
YOU'RE NOT AFRAID OF LIFE BECAUSE YOU UNDERSTAND THE INFINITE PATH OF EXISTENCE. YOUR INNER STRENGTH CAN HELP YOU SURVIVE THE OBSTACLES YOU WILL HAVE TO FACE.
GOOD LUCK, ANDY, AND REMEMBER...

LIFE IS JUST AN ILLUSION.